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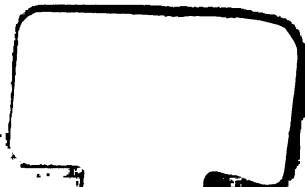
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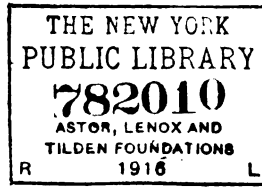
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PREFACE

The present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of today, noting, not in vain glory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good, men do, may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, of honest, earnest endeavor, which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way. "The great lesson of biography," it is said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best." A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration, and no more interesting and instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public.

In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy, have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence, as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk of life who have striven to succeed and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of a woman performing a deed of mercy, they have done what they could. It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left all, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die."

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it, as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public record, and

PREFACE.

which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of importance.

For all the good things in volume I, of this work, credit is due to the local historian, Frazer E. Wilson, and those whom he credits as having aided him in various ways. For all the errors that have crept into volume II, unless the people who furnished the facts erred, all blame is to be laid at the door of the "proof readers" who serve,

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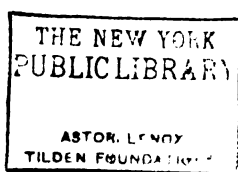
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John T. Lecklider.

BIOGRAPHICAL

JOHN T. LECKLIDER.

Darke county has produced some men of distinctive literary talent, among whom have been mentioned D. K. Swisher and Barney Collins, the former a writer on early historical and social topics, the latter a poet of recent years. In 1913 there appeared a book of over two hundred poems covering a wide range of topics, including religion, affection, travel, nature, home life, education and nearly everything else but war, all dedicated "to the good friends of my native state"—which in this case was Ohio and mostly Darke county. These poems possess distinctive literary merit and are destined, doubtless, to have a wide circulation. John T. Lecklider, the author of these poems, first saw the light of this world on the 18th day of July, 1840, from a farm house some three miles south of Dayton, Ohio, on the Lebanon pike. When about six weeks of age his father, Daniel C. Lecklider, with his family, removed to Adams township, Darke county, to carve from the then virgin wilderness a home and farm. He was the youngest of five brothers. His mother taught him to read and write. He did not attend school until he was past eight years of age, and from then until he was eighteen, his average yearly attendance at the district school was not above thirty-five days. He recalls among his teachers (who were called "master" in those days) John Spayd, a master mathematician of Greenville, Ohio. Willard Heath, from the state of New York, a man of fine mind, general education, and a lover of books; Samuel Hagar (afterward doctor), a student and kindly gentleman; there were others, whose chief merit was the ambition which called them from the counter, the workshop and farm to be teachers. His first books in school were McGuffey's second reader, Talbott's arithmetic, Webster's spellers. In 1858 he was reputed as so familiar with Ray's higher arithmetic, Stoddard's mental arithmetic, Kirkham and

Pinneo's grammars and Mitchell's geography (in the language of those days with the "3 R's") that he was called to teach his first school in what was known as the Miller, Overhalser, Wright district at \$1.35 per day. At the close of his school term, he was re-employed for the following winter at \$1.50 per day. The winter of 1860-61 he taught the Beanblossom school, just west of Pikeville. It would be misleading and unjust to assume this was the sum of his education before he entered college. He had an educated mother, who early impressed upon his mind the value of high ideals and the great benefit of reading good books. He informs us that to his home, as far back as he can remember, there came the New York Tribune, the New York Independent and the weekly Darke county paper. These were read, talked over and many times treasured for reference. Their weekly coming brought the news of the world, made the great cities and great men and events seem nearer, and filled the cleared spaces—as the clearing grew—with the thoughts of progress and deeds of men. Thus he became early in life interested in politics, the world's progress, invention, science and the government's duties and responsibilities. Thus, Mr. Lecklider was, so to speak, kept in touch with the great thinkers, reformers, scientists, preachers and statesmen of the times. Such reading was needed then and is needed now to make passing events intelligible. The increment of knowledge thus acquired, who can compute? It requires little schooling to beget a habit of study. One's education is never completed, an education is more than a life work, it goes into the future.

"Man is a student,
Forever at school,
Either courting wisdom
Or playing the fool."

Mr. Lecklider left the farm in 1861, and became a student of Wittenberg college, at Springfield, Ohio, and after completing the full collegiate course graduated in May, 1866, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and later the A.M. He then became a resident of Greenville, placed his letter of membership with the Presbyterian church. For two years he read law with the Hon. Wm. Allen, entering at once upon the drudgery that leads to professional life. The road seemed long. He tells us he was burdened with the fact that his

wants were many and his pockets were empty. To replenish them he became principal and superintendent of the high school at Union City, Ind., for one year. At the same time continuing his law studies and reciting regularly to his preceptor. On the 20th of May, 1868, he passed an examination and was admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Ohio. He at once entered into co-partnership with Judge Wharry, in front office over Schaible and Kipp drug store. He was admitted to practice in the United States circuit and district courts of Ohio in 1870. During his residence in Greenville he was chairman of the board of examiners for teachers in the high school, was elected and served as president of the Darke County Sabbath School Association for two terms. Was elected and served as mayor of Greenville two terms. It was during his mayoralty that the fire department was organized and equipped. In 1870 his name appeared on the republican ticket as candidate for prosecuting attorney. He felt he had received in the nomination a generous but uncertain compliment, because the democratic majority was 1,400 or more at that time. He said to a friend on the day of election, "I feel like the Irishman, who said, 'Faith and its aisy to be beaten when you're almost there.'" The count showed his opponent won by a small majority.

He has always been an optimist, has a social, companionable nature, though aggressive for what he deems right, yet courteously tolerant of views of others. He soon had the confidence of the people and enjoyed a profitable practice. He liked his profession, but early became convinced that a general practice was not to be coveted, that too often the criminal lawyer becomes a criminal. Deciding to limit his professional life to civil business, in August, 1874, he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, and was admitted to practice in the state, United States circuit and district courts there. Through ability and energy he acquired a large and profitable practice from which he retired the 20th of August, 1910.

Mr. Lecklider was not only a successful lawyer, but a successful business man as well; his natural tastes drew him early to the fields of literature, especially poetry, a book of which he has published since retiring from the law. Many of the poems were written while he lived on the farm in Darke county. The book was in process of writing, covering a period of many years.

He and his wife have traveled in the United States and Can-

ada extensively, also have traveled in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Azore Islands, and in 1910 visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and northern France. He esteems these trips abroad and the days spent in the great cities, art galleries and museums as equal to a liberal education. Men and nations are big or little, according to their creeds; they develop according to their individual ideals. Every man is in servitude to his own or some other's physical need, and is great according to his mental and spiritual wisdom.

Many poems of merit, real gems of thought and rhyme might be quoted from Mr. Lecklider's excellent collection, but we must be content to select three of the smaller ones:

She Told Her Love.

The night wind sweet and cool
Is fanning my fevered brow,
She has told her love
To the roving wind
And the wind is telling me now.

My heart is full of bliss,
My thoughts are wild with joy,
She has told her love
To the roving wind,
Her love, so shy and coy.

The heavens are soft with light,
Bright stars and great round moon,
Though sundered afar
Her spirit is near,
My soul's in a blissful swoon.

Sweet fragrance is on the air,
The earth with bloom is bright,
For love, sweet love's
On the roving wind,
Our souls have met tonight.

A voice is in my ear,
That melts my heart;
To scenes far off and dear
It calls me and I start
To tread the past again
The paths sweet, simple, plain.

Robin's Song—The Coming Spring.

Full of complaining and faulting the weather,
Abusing the winter and dull skies together,
I went forth at random oppressed by my mood
And strayed down a path where naked trees stood;
And there on the cold dead limb of a tree
A robin sat carolling merrily;
His heart was so glad he was forced to sing
And his song was hope in the coming spring,
He recited his joys so delightfully clear
The day grew brighter, spring seemed more near.

Then I mused on the wonderful song I had heard,
I mused on the life of the timid bird,
And saw tho' he lived in the present like me,
His song was a song of futurity.
Then my own roused soul was fain to sing
Like a robin its song of eternal spring.
A fairer world than this there lies
Beyond earth's winter and gloomy skies.
And man like robin if he would sing,
Must borrow his song from the coming spring.

Pearls and Roses.

O, where are my pearls and roses,
My jewels of long ago?
So many and each one priceless!
In youth they charmed me so.

I know they have not perished,
Tho' they vanished long ago;
They still abound on happy shores,
Where eyes with youth are aglow.

From these it will be seen that Mr. Lecklider has the soul of the true poet, and the art of the literateur. The fact that he has written these during the years of a busy life occupied with the cares incident to a success professional career ought to add luster to the unusual attainment and be a source of pride to friends and citizens of his old home. Mr. Lecklider is a brother of Dr. L. C. Lecklider, deceased, and of Frank and Mary Lecklider, now living on East Third street.

CHARLES L. KATZENBERGER.

The student of contemporaneous history will find much to interest and especially attract him in the narrative of the active achievements of Charles L. Katzenberger, philanthropist and valued resident of Greenville, Ohio. He is a man who has taken the initiative in many of the important events of his locality, notably those which led to the establishment of the Greenville Museum and its successful conduct, and a brief resume of the salient points in his biography will add interest to a work of this class. He was born at Rastatt, Granduchy of Baden, Germany, March 14, 1834, a son of Joseph C. and Margaretha (Becker) Katzenberger. Joseph C. Katzenberger was born at Rastatt, August 27, 1788, and died December 12, 1852, while his wife was born at Sulzbach, in the Black Forest mountains, Germany, in 1798 and lived to be seventy-three years old. In 1806 Joseph C. Katzenberger received from the guild of butchers a diploma printed in colors by pen upon parchment upon the occasion when he completed his apprenticeship to the butchering trade. This document is among the cherished possessions of his son. Another document, also in the possession of Charles L. Katzenberger, is a certificate of mastership given in 1776 to Franz Jacob Katzenberger, grandfather of the former, who was born in 1752 and died in 1830.

At the time of the birth of Charles L. Katzenberger, the father owned and operated a hotel known as the Zum Gildenen Schwan, but as there were eleven children in the family, the parents could do little for any of them individually and the youngest of them, Charles L., was early apprenticed to a tanner at Offenburg, although he had been given the advantages accruing from a few years' attendance at the public schools. The lad continued to work at his trade at Greensbach and Lorrach until summoned home by the death of his father, and as this disturbed his plans, he began to consider immigration. His brother Frank had come to America in 1847, and in 1849, Joseph and Anthony, who had been implicated with Sigel, Shurz and Hecker in their unsuccessful attempt to establish a republic at Baden, also left for the "promised land across the seas." All of this led Charles L. Katzenberger away from his native land, and he went to Havre, and sailed from that seaport in May, 1854, crossing the Atlantic in sixty-three days on the Carolus Magnus. Locating at Greenville, Ohio, where his brother Anthony was already established in

a grocery business in the Potter corner of the public square, he worked for himself as a salesman until 1861, when he entered into a partnership with his brother Joseph, the two conducting a brewery on Water street. This association lasted for seven years, Charles L. Katzenberger traveling Darke and surrounding counties in the interest of the business, in addition to the duties necessary to perform in the brewery that required him to work often from 14 to 18 hours per day. After the dissolution of the partnership by sale of the property, Mr. Katzenberger was in a grocery business with Anthony Weitbrecht for three years. He then, in 1871, formed a partnership with his brother Anthony, and in 1894, when the latter died, he bought his interests and has since continued alone for about ten years.

In March, 1863, Charles L. Katzenberger was married to Elizabeth Ashman, a daughter of Peter Ashman, born in 1801, who became one of the pioneers of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Katzenberger became the parents of two children: Mary, who only survived her mother for four years; and George A. Katzenberger, who resides at Greenville. While loyal to his adopted country Mr. Katzenberger has never lost his love for his native land and has made many delightful trips back and forth, and has also visited other lands, his last trip abroad being in the summer of 1912, when he sailed July 4 on the steamer Cincinnati and visited his sister for the last time, as she died the following spring. He returned home on the steamer Cleveland in September, 1912. In all, he has crossed the Atlantic ocean seventeen times. Not only has he traveled extensively abroad, but he has also visited various points in this country, particularly the forests of the Northwestern States which reminded him of his beloved Black Forest mountains and those in the Vosges. While on these trips to western forests, he and his brother Joseph frequently took friends with them for hunting the game there abounding.

While Republican principles have met with his approval and been given his support in the main, he has never hesitated to express his disapproval of any which he deemed unworthy of the party. Mr. Katzenberger was initiated into the Odd Fellows lodge August 6, 1857, later becoming a charter member of Champion Lodge No. 742, and is a member of Greenville Encampment No. 90. He became a Mason in 1868, and takes much pleasure in his fraternal associations. As a relaxation, Mr. Katzenberger binds his own books, among them

being twelve volumes, from 1867 to 1876, entitled *Der Odd Fellow*, and he has bound the annual *Masonic Review* since 1869, when volume 36 was issued. A man of broad views and kindly sympathies, he has not connected himself with any religious organizations, but has always been found ready to contribute generously of his time and means towards the furtherance of all movements, and has contributed to hospitals, fraternal homes, prospective railroads, digging for gas and similar projects, while those in need have found that they never call in vain upon him for material aid. Interested in the weather report, Mr. Katzenberger has been a voluntary observer for the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture and has his records for the past twenty years in an accurate and neat form.

Of late years his interest has centered upon the museum which grew out of a collection he and his brother Anthony commenced making in a room over the grocery. This collection is now in the basement of the Greenville Museum and Mr. Katzenberger is constantly adding to it. He is honorary curator of the museum and it benefits from his generous contributions as well as by his constant care of the specimens consigned to his charge. The record of the development of Mr. Katzenberger from the immigrant seeking freedom from oppression to the honored citizen, successful business man and distinguished collector of relics, reads like a marvelous story, but it is true in every respect and the example of what this one man has accomplished must be an active stimulation to the ambition of all similarly situated

JAMES CALVIN ELLIOTT.

For a third of a century James Calvin Elliott has been a practitioner of law, and for the major portion of this time he has honored the legal fraternity of Darke county, Ohio. An enumeration of those men of the present generation who have won honor and public recognition for themselves, and at the same time have honored the locality where they belong, would be incomplete were there failure to make specific reference to the one whose name appears at the head of this paragraph. He holds distinctive precedence as a lawyer, as a man of high intellectual attainments and as one who stood loyally by the

government during one of the most trying epochs in our national history. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, an invincible courage, a most determined individuality, have so entered into his make-up as to render him a natural leader of men and a moulder of opinion. Although he has passed the sixty-sixth milestone on life's journey, he is still an active factor in the professional and business life of Greenville, and is counted among the representative citizens of the community.

James C. Elliott is the scion of a long and sterling line of forebears, the founders of the branch of the Elliott family to which the subject belongs in this country having been Daniel Elliott, and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Elliott, who first came to Pennsylvania, Lancaster or Chester county, about 1756, and afterwards settled in Chester county, South Carolina, in 1767. They had children, William, Margaret (E. Orr), Benjamin, John, Daniel, Jane E. (Douglas), Ebenezer and James, Daniel Elliott, Sr., having been killed in 1780 by Tory Guerillas, when resisting the stealing of his horses. His sons, William and Benjamin, though young, thereafter took an active part with the Revolutionists in South Carolina under Captain McClure. The subject's paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Esther (Gaston) Elliott, whose deaths occurred in Preble county, Ohio. They were the parents of eight children, seven sons and a daughter, namely: Joseph G., James, Jeanette (E. Douglas), William, John, Ebenezer, Hugh and Isaiah. The subject's father, John Elliott, who was born in South Carolina in 1803, was, in 1806, at the age of three years, brought to Preble county, Ohio, the family locating near Morning Sun, where John was reared to manhood and spent his active life. He was reared to the life of a farmer, and never forsook that vocation. He died there in 1875, at the age of about seventy-two years, his wife having passed away in 1858, aged forty-five years. They were earnest and active members of the United Presbyterian Church and were highly esteemed in the community where they had spent practically their entire lives. John Elliott had been married twice, his first wife having been in her maidenhood Mary Latta. She died and left three children, all of whom also are dead, namely: Joseph; Esther, who married a Mr. Stephen Pearson, and Ebenezer Newton, who died some time prior to the Civil war. For his second wife John Elliott

married Margaret McMillan, a native of county Antrim, north of Ireland. To that union were born seven children, namely: Sarah Diantha, of College Corner, Preble county, Ohio; John Alexander, of College Corner, Indiana; James C., the immediate subject of this sketch; Dr. Hugh Henry, a successful and well-known physician at Rushville, Indiana; Mary Agnes, who died unmarried; William Scouller and David Cluster, both of whom live at College Corner. Mrs. Margaret Elliott's parents were Alexander and Sarah (Parkhill) McMillan, who were natives of county Antrim, Ireland, but who came to the United States just after the close of the Revolutionary war and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. About the year 1817 they removed to Ohio, locating in Preble county, where the father entered a tract of government land. Mr. McMillan died soon afterwards in Pennsylvania, and his widow and children thereafter made their home in Preble county, her death occurring there at an advanced age. There were five children in this family, Archibald, John, Nancy, Sarah and Margaret.

James C. Elliott was born in Dixon township, Preble county, Ohio, on September 17, 1847, and was reared on the paternal farmstead. After receiving his elementary education in the district schools, he attended the Morning Sun Academy, and later Miami University. After completing his general education he engaged in teaching school for three years, and then took up the study of law at Eaton, Ohio. In May, 1870, he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the active practice of his profession at Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio. In 1873 he went to Tacoma, Washington, but the following year he returned to Ohio and located at Bradford, Darke county, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Greenville, where he has since remained and where he has steadily risen in the esteem of the people until today probably no man in the community can count more warm and loyal personal friends. Throughout the years that Mr. Elliott has been identified with the local bar he has enjoyed a large and distinctively representative clientele. As a lawyer he is sound, logical, clear-minded and thoroughly trained, being familiar with all departments of the law, from the minutiae in practice to the greater topics wherein is involved the consideration of the ethics and philosophy of jurisprudence and the higher concerns of public policy. He has always prepared his cases with the greatest care and precision, has studied every point

of law bearing upon his case and has marshalled his evidence and his argument with masterly skill.

On the 5th day of June, 1877, James C. Elliott was married to Susanna B. Scott, the daughter of Abner and Esther (Hunt) Scott. She was born and reared in Preble county, Ohio, and she and Mr. Elliott were school-mates. Her parents were natives of New Jersey and belonged to the Friends' Society. They are both now deceased, the father dying in Eaton, Ohio, and her mother in Greenville. Mrs. Elliott's paternal grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Smith) Scott, while her grandparents on the maternal side were John and Ann (Brown) Hunt, all natives of New Jersey. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were born six children, as follows: Clarissa M. became the wife of Dr. W. C. Davis, of Lola, Kentucky, and they have three children, Mary, Chester and Calvin; Leslie A. and Annie H., twins, died at the age of six months; Esther B., who died at the age of fourteen years; Pearl L., who is a graduate of the Greenville high school and of Miami University, is now a teacher in the Greenville public schools; James S. is a graduate of the civil engineering course of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, at Terre Haute, Indiana, and is now in the employ of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, Mass.

Politically, Mr. Elliott has been a life-long Democrat and has taken an active interest in the success of the party. He was county prosecutor at one time for a period of six years and also served as city solicitor, while for a period of twelve years he was a trustee of the Children's Home. Mr. Elliott is a stockholder and a director of the Greenville National Bank and in other ways has shown a personal interest in the welfare of his city. Fraternally, he has for thirty-six years been a member of Champion Lodge No. 742, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of Jobes's Post, Grand Army of the Republic, this membership being consistent from the fact that, during the War of the Rebellion, he served for four months as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Though his period of enlistment was not a long one, it was characterized by duty faithfully performed and by intense loyalty to the cause of the Union. Mrs. Elliott is an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a woman of rare qualities of head and heart and is a popular member of the circles in which she moves. Personally,

Mr. Elliott has, because of his acknowledged ability, genuine worth and fine social qualities, won a host of friends and is eminently worthy of representation in the annals of his county. Mrs. Elliott is a member of the Emersonian Club.

GEORGE F. CRAWFORD.

Success does not depend so much upon the possession of talents or powers unusual to the majority of mankind, as upon the exercise of those qualities which are common to all. Hope is of the valley, while Effort is climbing the mountain side, so that personal advancement comes not to the one who hopes alone, but to the one whose hope and faith are those of definite action. We may then hold in high regard the result of individual accomplishment and accord due credit and honor to the man who has won success by worthy means. The subject of this review, who is numbered among the well-known and successful members of the legal fraternity of Darke county, has been characterized by consecutive effort and integrity of purpose, while his advancement and success have come as a direct result, and to him has not been denied the fullest measure of confidence and esteem.

George F. Crawford was born on June 29, 1869, in Twin township, Darke county, Ohio, and is the son of Joseph B. and Christina R. (Hoffman) Crawford. Joseph B. Crawford was born and reared on a farm in Butler township, this county, southwest of Arcanum, and in young manhood he engaged in teaching school for a few years. He then engaged in farming in Twin township, on the old Hoffman farm, where his children were all born. He was a careful and painstaking man in his operations, was successful and owned one hundred and fifty-three acres of land at the time of his death, which occurred there on August 19, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years and nine months. His widow, who still survives him, at the age of seventy-five years, lives with her son, George F., in Greenville. The subject's paternal grandfather was Alexander Crawford, who married Eliza Scofield, and they became early settlers of Warren county, Ohio. He was a farmer and in an early day they came to Darke county and brought large tracts of land, their home being located in Butler township. To them were born the following children:

Andrew J., Joseph B., Ann, Alexander, Thomas and William R. The subject's maternal grandparents were Michael and ——— (Zigler) Hoffman, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. Emigrating to the United States, they settled in Darke county, Ohio, and became successful farmers in Twin township, where they spent the remainder of their lives and died. Their children, seven in number, were Jacob, Frederick, Sophia, George Frederick, Christina R., David and John. The subject of this sketch is one of five children born to his parents, the others being Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Richard H. Burke; Edwin A., who died in early childhood; Alma is the wife of Orange W. Greer, who lives on the old home farm in Twin township; William H., who lives on and operates the old Jesse Branbarger farm in Twin township.

George F. Crawford was reared on his father's farm in Twin township, to the cultivation of which he gave his assistance as soon as old enough. After attending the district schools, and the Arcanum high school, he became a student in the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, where he prepared himself for a pedagogical career. For a number of years he was successfully engaged in teaching school two years of the time in Texas, and he won an enviable reputation as an educator. He then took up the study of law and in 1901 he was admitted to the bar, and immediately afterwards entered upon the practice at Greenville. He met with a favorable reception on the part of both the legal fraternity and the public and from the beginning of his professional career to the present time he has had no reason to regret his choice of a life work. He owns and lives on a cozy little farm, just outside of the corporation, where his most enjoyable hours are spent. Thorough training, natural aptitude and a love for his profession have combined to give Mr. Crawford a standing in professional circles in Greenville, which could not have been purchased by other means. He has been connected with some of the most important litigation tried in the local courts and has uniformly met with a gratifying measure of success.

On December 25, 1894, George F. Crawford was united in marriage with Jane McClain, the daughter of Andrew and Martha (Wieland) McClain, and to that union was born a son, Leo. C. Mrs. Crawford was born near Gordon, Monroe township, this county. Her father, who was one of the

early settlers in that locality, died on January 6, 1913, aged sixty-nine years and nine months, and is survived by his widow. They were the parents of three children, namely: Nelson, who died in infancy; Jane, wife of the subject, and Myrta, who is the wife of Orie O. Weisenbarger, a druggist in Greenville. Mrs. Jane Crawford was a woman of excellent qualities of character, beloved by all who knew her, and was an earnest member of the Baptist Church. Her death occurred on April 11, 1910, at the age of thirty-six years and eleven months. Her paternal and maternal grandparents were, respectively, Nelson and Amanda (Gordon) McClain and Jacob and Olive Wieland.

Politically, Mr. Crawford has always given his support to the Democratic party, in the success of which he is deeply interested, though he is not in any sense a seeker after public office. Fraternally, he is a member of Greenville Lodge, No. 161, Knights of Pythias, in the work of which he takes an appreciative interest. Mr. Crawford is a man of high intellectual attainments, being a close and critical reader, and holds broad views of men and things. In him there are combined to an unusual degree those qualities which inspire personal friendships of uncommon strength, and all who know him have the highest admiration for the excellent qualities of his head and heart.

JUDGE DAVID L. MEEKER.

The history of jurisprudence in Darke county shows no more distinguished name than that of the late Judge David L. Meeker, who for years led his professional associates and also rendered invaluable aid to those struggling to gain an advance in civic matters. Residing at Greenville, Ohio, from there he directed his efforts and centered his affections, and when he died the whole community mourned the loss of a citizen of worth and a man of merit. Judge Meeker was born in Darke county, near Castine, Ohio, in 1827, a son of David L. Meeker. The latter married a Miss Miller, who like himself was born in New Jersey. They became early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, where they developed a farm, owning land in Butler township, and there both died, she living to an advanced age. Their children were: Nathaniel, William, Frank, John, Rufus, David L., James, Emeline, Charlotte and several others whose names are not on record.

Judge David L. Meeker, while growing to manhood on his father's Butler township farm, acquired an excellent educational training in the public schools and an academy, and while still young began teaching school to earn the money to further prosecute his studies. He began reading law at Greenville, Ohio, in the office of Judge Ebenezer Parsons of Miami county, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. Two years later he opened an office at Greenville, and entered upon a general practice that extended over a number of years and brought him into contact with a number of celebrated cases as he was a lawyer of more than ordinary ability, a profound thinker and a man of excellent judgment. In 1856 his ability received signal recognition by his election to the office of prosecuting attorney of Darke county, and he was re-elected to the same office in 1858. Following this he was elected to the bench as common pleas judge and held that office for twenty-two years. In 1872, he was appointed by Governor Noyes to fill a vacancy on the same bench caused by the resignation of Judge J. C. McKenny, and in 1873 was elected to the same office without opposition. Again in 1878, upon the recommendation of all parties, he was unanimously elected.

The first wife of Judge David L. Meeker was Miss Mary A. Deardoff, a daughter of David and Sarah (Rush) Deardoff, and one in the following family: Isaac, Jacob, Peter and Mary A. Judge and Mrs. Meeker had the following family: Frank D., Sarah E., Walter S., Mary C., Virginia G., Nan E., Alice M., and Carrie W. Frank D. is in the real estate business and also negotiates loans and writes insurance, being located at Greenville, Ohio. He married Cora Studebaker, who died without issue, and he then married (second) Emma Anderson, and they have one son, David A. Sarah E. is deceased, having been the wife of D. L. Gaskill, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Walter S. is an attorney at law, who was admitted to the bar in 1886, having been graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in that year. He began practicing law at Greenville and became a member of the firm of Meeker, Bowman & Meeker, which connection lasted for several years, when Mr. Bowman withdrew and the firm became Meeker & Meeker. Later D. L. Gaskill was associated with the two Meekers, the name becoming Meeker, Meeker & Gaskill, thus continuing until the death of David L. Meeker, when the present style of Meeker & Gaskill was adopted. Walter S. Meeker

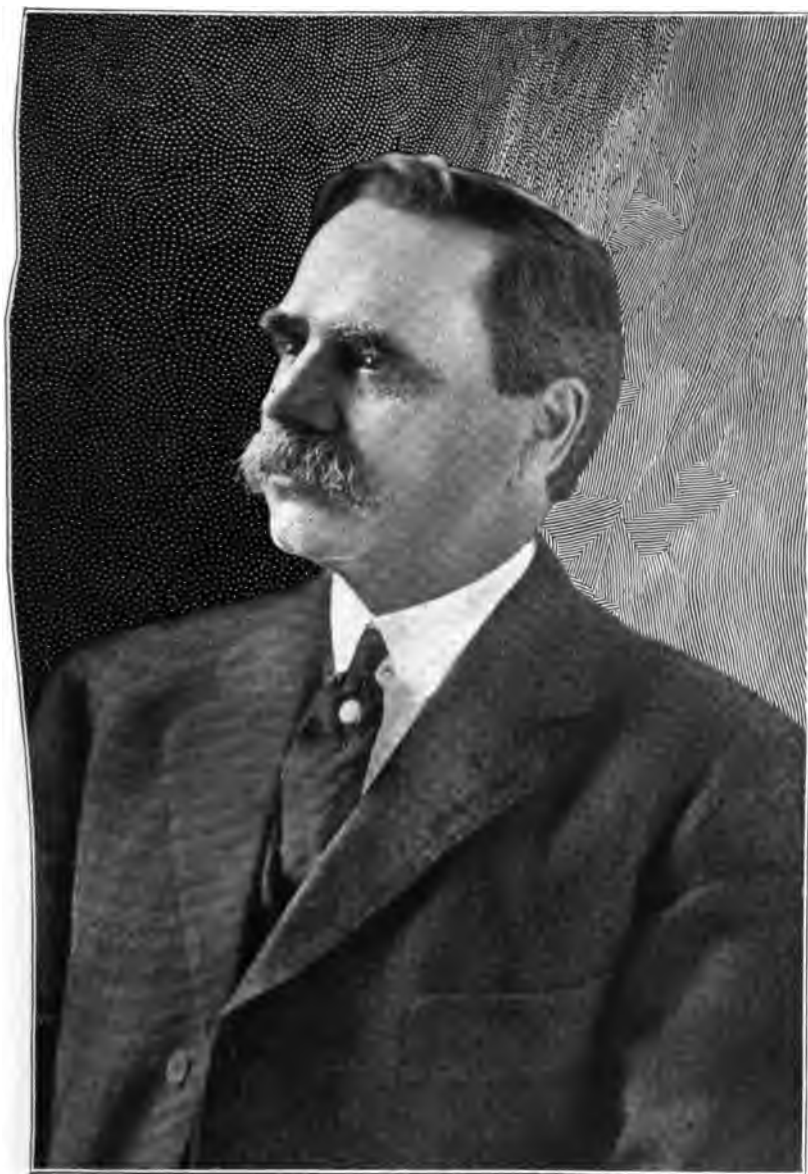
married Minnie Lowry on April 20, 1887, she being a daughter of Jasper and Louisa (Studebaker) Lowry, and two children have been born of that union—Corrine, who died at the age of three years, and Louanna. Mary E. Meeker married J. R. Smith of Greenville, Ohio, and they have three children—Helen, Robert and Paul. Virginia G. married William H. Gilbert, an attorney of Troy, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Virginia. Nan E. Meeker lives at Greenville, Ohio. Alice M. Meeker married Albert R. Crawford, and they have two children, James and Virginia. Carrie W. Meeker married Charles C. Allen; they live at Troy, Ohio, and have two children, Richard and Morris. The first Mrs. Meeker died in 1876, having been a member of the German Reformed Church. She was born in Darke county north of Greenville and her parents were also natives of Ohio. After the death of his first wife, Judge Meeker married Jennie C. Crisler, who survives him and makes her home at Greenville, Ohio.

Judge Meeker died September 5, 1896. During his lifetime he was a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M., and Greenville Lodge, I. O. O. F. Politically, he was a Democrat, but when he was before the people for election to office, he received the support of the best class, for all, regardless of party lines, recognized his sterling honesty, clearness of judgment, professional ability, and probity, and desired to have a man of his character administer justice and enforce the law.

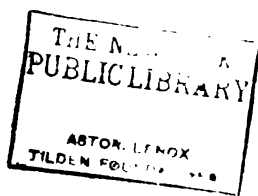
HON. JAMES I. ALLREAD.

No student can carry his investigations far into the history of Darke county without finding the name of Allread figuring conspicuously on its pages, in connection with the account of its development along material, moral and intellectual lines.

In searching the geneological record of the Allread family we learn of one William Allread, a hero of the Revolutionary war who served under the command of General Wayne. Among his children we learn of a Henry Allread, who came to Ohio and settled in Butler county in 1820, entering land from the government in the midst of a dense forest where he secured one hundred sixty acres. Later Henry Allread moved to Darke county where he died after a few years of struggling with primitive forests, ague, malaria, etc., for supremacy. His widow with her family moved back to Butler county.



J. H. Allen



Some of the children were old enough to aid in the support of the family, but Isaac being too young to be of much help was bound out for a term of years. After he had served through his indenture he worked and saved his earnings until he had \$1,000, when he came to Darke county to buy land. It was summer time and as he looked at a piece of land he dug the toe of his boot into the soil which to him appeared to be all right and very rich. He bargained for 160 acres and made a first payment. The next spring he moved with his mother and two sisters to Arcanum and when he looked for his purchase he found it covered with water deep enough to swim a horse. He wanted to forfeit what he had paid, but his mother persuaded him not to do that. He subsequently found that the place could be easily drained, which was done. It became one of the best farms in the county and was the first farm to be sold for one hundred dollars per acre. On this farm in 1826 was born a son, Isaac Allread, who became a farmer by occupation. He married Hannah C. Houk, who was born in Darke county in 1830. She was the daughter of James and Abigail (Shepherd) Houk, who came to Darke county in 1820. Isaac Allread and his wife became the owners of a farm in Twin township adjoining the present village of Arcanum and there were born their three children, the oldest of whom was James I. Allread, the subject of our sketch. Probably little did the parents at that time think that the little lad who made his appearance on September 29, 1858, would some day reflect great honor upon the name by occupying a position of great honor and trust, that of a member of the Court of Appeals of the great state of Ohio.

At the proper age for admission to the public school he entered the class in A B C's and from that time he fought his way through the schools of Arcanum, which fitted him both mentally and physically for the greater battles in which he was to take part in the high school at Greenville and still later at the State University at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Of a naturally kind disposition he was not inclined to either sit idly by and see others imposed upon nor to submit too tamely to being imposed upon himself. When not attending school he was with his parents on the home farm until he was nineteen years of age when he entered the law office of William Allen of Greenville, Ohio. After three years of close application he was admitted to the bar October 6, 1880. He at once "hung out his shingle" as an attorney at law. After

the usual time of waiting for clients he began to get a little practice so that on August 1, 1883, he felt justified in taking a better half to aid him in the remaining battles of life. The lady accepting this important position was Miss Emma S. Roland. She is the daughter of Charles and Amelia (Hill) Roland. Her father for many years was editor and proprietor of the Greenville Democrat. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allread have been born children as follows: Marie A., who was partly educated in the schools of Greenville, and was graduated from the North high school in Columbus. Later she attended Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., and then spent two years at the Conservatory of Music in Boston. She now resides with her parents in Columbus, Ohio, where she takes an active part in the work of the Episcopal church.

The second child of Mr. and Mrs. Allread is Charles Harold, who was born in Greenville, Ohio, August 13, 1889. He attended the Greenville public schools and was graduated from the Greenville high school. Entered the law department of the Ohio State University and was graduated with class of 1911, and was admitted to the bar the same year. In 1912 opened office in Columbus in partnership with Orla E. Harrison under firm name of Harrison & Allread. He is single and makes his home with his parents.

Recognizing the beneficial effects of a restful nature upon a weary mind of social relaxation and being favorably impressed with the high moral teachings of the Masonic fraternity, in the year 1882, he became a member of Greenville Lodge No. 145, F. and A. M., in which he worthily filled Worshipful Master for several years. In due time he was permitted to become a member of Greenville chapter No. 77, R. A. M., in which he served as High Priest for many years, and later a member of Coleman Commandery No. 17, Knight Templar, of Troy, O.

In 1899 Judge Allread was selected by the local lodge to represent it in the Grand Lodge of the state. Here he received the honor of being appointed to serve as Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge.

Born and reared a republican, the judge, after due deliberation, saw no cause for changing his political belief and so identified himself with that party. He became an earnest defender of its principles and at many meetings showed that the battles he had fought as a lad in school were a good preparation for the political contests. In 1898 he was chosen as

a member of the republican state committee and his services secured recognition from his co-workers.

When Judge Shauck was elected as a member of the Supreme Court of the state, Gov. McKinley appointed Judge Allread to fill out the unexpired term, which he did with great satisfaction to the people of the constituents of the judicial district which comprise the counties of Franklin, Montgomery, Madison, Champaign, Fayette, Clark, Miami, Shelby, Greene, Preble and Darke. No one has ever accused the judge of rendering biased decisions on account of social, political or religious prejudice.

Judge Allread was chosen as delegate to the national republican convention held at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1892, which nominated Benjamin Harrison for president, and again in 1896 to the one held in St. Louis, which nominated William McKinley. He took an active part in both campaigns. From January, 1901, to May, 1903, he served as assistant secretary of state, and was then elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas for a term of five years, beginning May, 1903. The judicial district included counties of Darke, Preble, Miami, Champaign and Clark. An act of the legislature extended the term from May to January so that the Judge served nearly six years. In 1908 he was elected judge of the Circuit Court in the same district for a term of six years. Amendment to the constitution changed name to Court of Appeals.

Mr. and Mrs. Allread are members of the Presbyterian church at Greenville, Ohio.

A prominent citizen of Greenville, who is also prominent in the democratic party, said the best evidence of the popularity of Judge Allread can be seen in the act of the democrats of Darke county who formed an organization among themselves to aid in his election and that he led the ticket in Darke county by a large majority. The writer of this article thinks it was a mistake that the vote in Darke county was not unanimous.

LEO. E. KERLIN.

In no profession is there a career more open to talent than is that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which

form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application and intuitive wisdom and determination fully to utilize the means at hand, are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as the stern conservator of justice, and it is one into which none should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be encountered and overcome and the battles to be won, for success does not perch on the banner of every one who enters the competitive fray, but comes only as the legitimate result of capability. Possessing all the requisites of the able lawyer, Leo E. Kerlin stands today among the eminent practitioners of Darke county, Ohio.

Leo E. Kerlin was born in Greenville, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1877, and is the son of William K. and Hannah B. (Jeffries) Kerlin, both of whom were natives of Indiana. William K. Kerlin was reared on a farm in Wayne county, Indiana, but eventually moved to Darke county, Ohio, settling near New Madison, Harrison township, where he bought and improved a farm. While living there he was elected treasurer of Darke county, and was elected to succeed himself, thus serving two terms. After retiring from that office, he organized the Second National Bank of Greenville, and thereafter remained identified with that institution until his death, which occurred in May, 1903, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife died in April, 1909, at the age of seventy-eight years. She was a Quaker in her religious belief. Her parents, who were descended from sterling old Pennsylvania Quaker stock, were early pioneers in Indiana, where they reared a large family, and there they spent the remainder of their lives and died. The subject's paternal grandfather, Elijah Iles Kerlin, was an early pioneer of Wayne county, Indiana, and lived to the advanced age of nearly ninety-five years. He was a native of Tennessee and was a man of strong character and active in the development of the community where he spent his active years. To him and his wife were born ten children, namely: James, William K., Joseph, John, Polk, Mrs. Rachel Hart, Mrs. Belle Pickett, Mrs. Mattie Alexander, and two who died in their youth. To William K. and Hannah B. Kerlin were born eleven children, as follows: Oscar C., of Greenville; John D., of Stelvideo, Ohio; William L., of Greenville; Edward J., of Houston, Texas; James R., of Iowa; Leo E., the immediate subject of this sketch; Anna E., the widow of Enoch B. Seitz, of Greenville; Emma, of

Greenville, Ohio; Ellen, who died in young womanhood; Belle, the wife of D. W. Bowman, of Greenville; Carrie, wife of Melville M. Hunt, of Chicago, Ill.

Leo E. Kerlin was reared in Greenville, and received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1898. He then entered the law department of the University of Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1902, and in June of the same year he was admitted to the bar. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Greenville and has continued here since. Bringing to the practice a mind naturally adapted for its multitudinous details, and thorough training in the fundamentals of jurisprudence, he also possessed that enthusiasm without which one's work is always futile. Years of conscientious work have brought with them not only increase of practice and reputation, but also that growth in legal knowledge and that wide and accurate judgment the possession of which constitutes marked excellence in the profession, and today he is the peer of any member of the local bar. Mr. Kerlin served two terms as city attorney, and from 1906 to 1910 was city solicitor, his performance of his official duties being entirely satisfactory to his fellow citizens. In 1912 Mr. Kerlin was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, which office he now holds. He has successfully represented the State in a number of important cases, in all of which he has displayed an ability and energy that has reflected credit upon himself and honor on the position which he holds.

On the 7th of July, 1906, Mr. Kerlin was united in marriage with Mollie Wurlitzer, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Constantine and Phillipine (Kirsch) Wurlitzer, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father born in Schoenick, Saxony, and the mother in Rhein Phlatz, Bavaria. They now reside in Cincinnati. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Oscar, of Chicago, Ill.; Tecla, wife of William Sandberg; Eugene; Mollie, Mrs. Kerlin; Arthur; Hugo C.; Erna, deceased, who was the wife of John Dreher. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin have been born three children, Constance, John L. and Phillis.

Politically, Mr. Kerlin has always given his support to the Democratic party and has been actively interested in the success of the party. Fraternally, he is a member of Greenville Lodge No. 161, Knights of Pythias. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin are identified with the Presbyterian Church.

They move in the best social circles of Greenville, enjoy a wide acquaintance and are popular with all who know them. Mr. Kerlin is a symmetrically developed, broad minded and public spirited man, who takes a commendable interest in everything affecting the general welfare of the community and gives his support to every worthy enterprise. Because of his large professional success and genuine personal worth he merits the high position he holds in the community.

GEORGE A. JOBES.

George A. Jobes was born in Palestine, Darke county, Ohio, on January 8, 1864, and is the son of Dr. John A. and Almena (Hecker) Jobes, natives, respectively, of Union, Montgomery county, Ohio, and Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He is descended from a line of sterling progenitors, his paternal grandparents having been John and Mary (Reeder) Jobes, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Virginia. They became pioneer settlers of Darke county, and resided in Greenville, where he followed the trade of hatter. He held at one time the office of postmaster at Greenville, and also held some minor local offices there. To them were born the following children: John A., Daniel H. R., a prominent lawyer of Greenville, and at one time probate judge of Darke county; George P., Allen L., who was killed in the battle of Jonesboro, near Atlanta, during the Civil war; Adeline E., Charles C., Lavinia J. Bevans, who resides in Iowa; Frances E. and Wm. A., all of whom, with the exception of Lavinia J., are deceased.

The subject's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Nagel) Hecker, natives of Pennsylvania, who came from that State with their family by wagon, were early settlers in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, where the father and mother developed a fine farm and spent the remainder of their days, and both died there at an advanced age. To them were born twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary, Benjamin F., Caroline, Almena, Charles Henry, Willoughby J., Sarah A., Maria, Albert M., Dr. Edwin A., Amanda and Clarence L.

Dr. John A. Jobes, father of the subject, was reared from early childhood in Darke county; taught school many years,

and secured a good medical education, graduating from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and also later at New York. He began practicing in Indiana in 1852, and afterwards located in Darke county in 1858, and followed the practice of his profession until 1875, when he was elected probate judge of Darke county, and re-elected to that office in 1878, retiring from said office in 1881. He was U. S. Pension Examiner for many years, and held that position at the time of his death, which occurred May 16, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years. His widow, who still survives, is now past seventy-seven years of age, and resides in Greenville. During the Civil war Doctor Jobes served as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, but the major part of his service as an army surgeon was performed at Pittsburg Landing and other places before his enlistment. Doctor Jobes was twice married. By his first marriage he had one child, Alonzo V., now residing in Greenville, Ohio. By his second union seven children were born, of whom five are still living, namely: Frank H., of Greenville; George A., the immediate subject of this sketch; Lawrence U. and Eugene C., twins, and Almena, wife of Harry J. Brenneman, of Dayton, Ohio, and two who died in infancy.

George A. Jobes was reared at Palestine, this county, until twelve years of age, when he came to Greenville and attended the public schools, graduating from the Greenville High School on June 2, 1882. He became a student of law at the office of Devor & Allread, in Greenville; afterwards entered the University of Cincinnati, and graduated from the law department in 1887, and was admitted to the bar that year. He at once opened a law office at Greenville, and has since continued in the active practice of his profession, giving especial attention to practice in the probate court. Politically, Mr. Jobes has been a lifelong Republican. In 1891 he was elected city solicitor of Greenville, Ohio, and re-elected in 1893. He was elected probate judge of Darke county in 1899, and served in that office until 1903, when he resumed the practice of law in Greenville.

Fraternally, he is a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, Free and Accepted Masons; Greenville Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons; Matchette Council No. 91, Royal and Select Master; and is also a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton, and a member of

Antioch Temple, Nobles of Mystic Shrine of Dayton. He was a member of the building committee of the Masonic Temple of Greenville, and actively participated in the erection of the Masonic Temple.

On January 8, 1890, Mr. Jobes was married to Josephine Wilson, of Richmond, Ind. To them were born four children, namely: Robert W., John C., deceased; James A. and Richard A. Mr. Jobes is desirous of giving to his sons a good education, and they are now at Oxford, Ohio, the location of five good educational institutions, attending school, near which village he owns a nice country home.

JOHN C. BURNS.

Few men of Darke county, Ohio, are as widely and familiarly known as John C. Burns, of Greenville, Ohio, who is efficiently and satisfactorily discharging his duties as sheriff of the county. He is one of the strong and influential citizens whose lives have become an essential part of the history of this locality and for years his name has been synonymous for all that constitutes honorable and upright manhood. Tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose, combined with every-day common sense, are among his chief characteristics and, while advancing individual success, he has also largely promoted the moral and material welfare of his community.

John C. Burns is a native of the county which is now honored by his citizenship, having been born in Richland township on the 25th of September, 1842, and he is the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Farmer) Burns, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Darke county, Ohio. The Burns family name is an old and honored one and was originally spelled Born, being later changed to Burn, and finally to Burns, the form in which it is now universally used. The paternal grandparents of the subject were natives of Pennsylvania and became pioneer settlers of Miami and Darke counties, Ohio. Mr. Burns was a farmer, but after beginning to clear one of his farms he went West, and lost his life by an explosion on a boat on the Mississippi river. His wife survived him some years and married again. By her first marriage she became the mother of seven children,

namely: George, Abraham, Daniel, Jacob, Julia, Susan and Eliza. The subject's maternal grandfather was William Farmer, a native of North Carolina, as was his wife. They were among the early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Richland township, where they lived to advanced ages and died. They had three children, Solomon, Elizabeth and Daniel.

Abraham Burns, father of the subject of this sketch, was reared in Miami and Darke counties, Ohio, having been but six years of age when the family removed to this State. He was reared to the life of a farmer, a vocation which he followed during his active life, developing a fine farm in Richland township, where he reared his children. He owned eighty acres of land and was numbered among the enterprising and successful agriculturists of the community. He died at Greenville in 1894, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, having outlived his wife nearly thirty years, her death occurring in 1865, aged forty-seven years. They were members of the Newlight Christian Church, while, politically, he was a strong supporter of the Democratic party and served as township trustee for several years. To Abraham and Elizabeth Burns were born four children, namely: Susan, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Hollinger; Henry, of Patterson township, this county; John C., the immediate subject of this sketch, and one who died in infancy.

John C. Burns was reared on the paternal homestead in Richland township, this county, and his education was secured in the common schools of that neighborhood. He then engaged in teaching school for eighteen winters, his summer vacations being spent in farm work. His first agricultural efforts were put forth on the home farm, but he eventually bought eighty acres of land in Wabash township, Darke county, Ohio, to which he devoted his attention for a time and which he developed into a fine modern farmstead. He sold that place in 1891 and for two and a half years he rented a farm six miles west of Greenville. At the end of that period he purchased a transfer line and feed barn in Greenville, to which he devoted his attention during the following ten years. He was successful and during that time he bought sixty-two acres of land in Wayne township, this county, which, however, he never lived upon himself, and sold it two years later. Under Sheriff Smith, Mr. Burns served nearly four years as deputy sheriff, and after retiring from that position

lived practically retired for ten years, or until 1910, when he was elected sheriff, assuming the duties of his office in January, 1911. So eminently satisfactory was his administration of the office that in 1912 he was re-elected, and is now serving his second term.

John C. Burns married Sarah E. Frampton, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Coppess) Frampton, and five children have been born to that union—Atta, Lulu, Cary F., James H. and Otto A. Atta became the wife of Ad Fields and they reside in Stoy, Ill. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Rollo B., Kersey (deceased), Ermo, Hershel, Blanche (deceased), Leona, Ray, Russell and Glenn. Lulu is the wife of E. E. Brown, of Auburn, Ind., and nine children were born to that union, namely: Oreda, Agnes, Guy, Harold, Robert, Eugene, Gerald, Claude and Everett. Cary F., who married Ocie Reck, lives on the farm in Richland township, where his father was born and reared. They have four children, Orvail E., Virgil, Herbert and Treva. James, whose home is in Greenville, spends much of his time in Canada, being engaged in the real estate business. He married a Miss Armacost, who is now deceased, leaving one child, Gladys. Otto A. remains unmarried.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Burns signified his patriotism by enlisting in defense of the Union in the one-hundred-day service as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and gave faithful service to his country in the Army of the Potomac. Politically, he is a Democrat and has always taken an active interest in the success of that party. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Christian church, of which he is a trustee.

Mrs. Burns is a native of Darke county, having been born in Richland township. When quite young, she suffered the loss of her mother, her father dying at the age of about sixty years. They were the parents of five children, Martha, Mary Jane, Sarah E., William and Adam C.

Mr. Burns has by a life of integrity and honor won a high place in the esteem of his fellows and enjoys a well deserved popularity throughout Darke county. Indolence and idleness have ever been foreign to his nature, and, although he started out in life on his own account practically empty-handed, he placed his dependence in the substantial qualities of perseverance and energy.

DAVID WELLER BOWMAN.

It is with marked satisfaction that the biographer adverts to the life of one who has attained success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of calm, consecutive endeavor or of sudden meteoric accomplishments, must abound in both lesson and incentive and prove a guide to young men whose fortunes and destinies are still matters for the future to determine. The subject of this sketch is distinctively one of the representative lawyers of Darke county, Ohio. For a number of years he has directed his efforts towards the goal of success and today he stands in the front rank of his profession.

David W. Bowman is a native son of Darke county, having first seen the light of day in Butler township, about two miles east of New Madison, on the 20th day of January, 1860. He is one of five children born to his parents, George W. and Phoebe Jane (Noggle) Bowman, as follows: Addison M., who died in 1890; David W., of Greenville; Herschell V., of Danville, Ill., general freight agent of the Frisco railroad lines; Ella Dora, who died at the age of fifteen years; Mary Elva, the wife of William Hageman, a merchant in New Madison, this county. George W. Bowman, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, came to Darke county, Ohio, with his parents in 1838. He was reared on a farm, but learned the carpenter's trade, building many of the large barns and substantial houses in that neighborhood. He took an active part in local affairs and held several minor township offices. In 1867 he left his Butler township farm and moved onto a farm of one hundred acres in Harrison township, where his death occurred in 1884, in the forty-ninth year of his age. His wife, who had been born in Darke county, Ohio, on April 26, 1841, died on September 19, 1872, aged thirty-one years. In Pennsylvania, the subject's father had been identified with the Lutheran Church, but after coming to Ohio he joined the Reformed Church. After the death of his first wife, George W. Bowman married Rachel A. Neibert, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Jacob, who now fills the chair of medieval history in the University of Washington, at Seattle, and George W., of Dayton, Ohio. For his third wife George W. Bowman mar-

ried Sarah Roberts, who is now deceased, no children being born to that union.

The paternal grandparents of the subject were Abraham and Mary (Bowman) Bowman, the former born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and the latter born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Though of the same family name, they were not related. Abraham Bowman, who was a farmer, came to Ohio in 1838 and bought a tract of land in German township. In 1851 he moved to Harrison township, this county, where his death occurred on October 8, 1877, aged about seventy-two years. He was survived nearly a score of years by his widow, who died in 1896, aged eighty-four years. They were the parents of eleven children, briefly mentioned as follows: Sarah, deceased; George W., father of the subject of this sketch; John, of Paulding county, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Arthur, of Union City, Ind.; David P., deceased; Martin, deceased; Levi, deceased; Jacob, of Covington, Ohio; Abraham deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Lindamood, of Greenville township, this county; and Augustus, also a resident of Greenville township.

On the maternal side, the subject's grandparents were Michael and Mary (Mote) Noggle, both of whom were natives of Darke county, Ohio, where, in Harrison township, the father followed agricultural pursuits, having cleared and improved a fine farm. He had lived there practically all his life from the age of six years until his death, which occurred when almost eighty years old. His wife, who was born in 1821, died in 1891, aged seventy years. They reared a family of six children, namely: Phoebe Jane, mother of the subject of this sketch; Alfred, who was born in 1843 and died in 1896; Ephriam, born in 1845 and still living; George M., born in 1847, still living, as is David, who was born in 1849; Susan, the wife of Noah Brown, of Harrison township, this county; Jonathan died in young manhood. The subject's maternal great-grandfather, George Noggle, was bound out in boyhood, his father having been killed while fighting on the side of the colonists in the Revolutionary war. He had a severe master, from whom he ran away, coming from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and locating in Darke county in 1816. He was a very powerful man physically and it is said of him that he was the strongest man who ever lived in Darke county. He died in 1852, aged about seventy-five years, and his wife, who was born in 1777, died in 1865.

David W. Bowman spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Harrison township, and received his preliminary education in the district schools and the Greenville high school. He then attended the Greenville Normal School, teaching during the winters for three years. On the 4th of April, 1881, he began the study of law in the office and under the direction of Judge William Allen, who died on the 6th of July following. Mr. Bowman then entered the office of Judge Sater, under whom he acquired a knowledge of Kent, Blackstone and other standard legal authorities and on May 1, 1883, he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. From that time to the present he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession and has won a reputation second to none in this section of the state as a sound and safe practitioner. On the 1st of July, 1888, Mr. Bowman formed a partnership with Charles M. Anderson, who was formerly a partner with the subject's uncle, David P. Bowman. The latter, who died in 1878, was a brilliant lawyer and a man of marked ability in many ways. Prior to the partnership mentioned, the subject had been for four and a half years associated in the practice with Judge D. L. Meeker. As a lawyer Mr. Bowman has been connected with much of the most important litigation tried in the Darke county courts and for many years he has enjoyed a large and lucrative legal business. In the trial of cases he is uniformly courteous to court and opposing counsel, caring little for display, never losing a point for the purpose of creating a favorable impression, but seeking to impress the jury rather by weight of facts in his favor and by clear, logical argument than by appeal to passion or prejudice. In discussions of the principles of law he is noted for clearness of statement and candor; he seeks faithfully for firm ground and having once found it nothing can drive him from his position. His zeal for a client never leads him to argue an argument which in his judgment is not in harmony with the law, and in all the important litigation with which he has been connected no one has ever charged him with anything calculated to bring discredit upon himself or cast a reflection upon his profession.

On April 20, 1887, David W. Bowman married Mary Belle Kerlin, the daughter of William K. and Hannah (Jeffries) Kerlin, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Helen, David W., Robert A. and George William. Mrs. Bowman was born in Wayne county, Ind., of which

county and State her parents were natives. In 1865 they came to Darke county, Ohio, and settled in Harrison township, where they spent the remainder of their days, the father dying there on May 28, 1903, at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother dying on April 9, 1909, aged eighty years. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Mrs. Anna Sites, Emma, Ella (deceased), Oscar, Mary Belle, John D., Edward, William, Mrs. Carrie Hunt, James and Leo.

Politically a Democrat, Mr. Bowman has ever since attaining maturity taken an intelligent interest in public affairs and has been an active factor in the progress and development of the community. For seven years he rendered efficient service as a member of the board of education, being president of that body during the erection of the St. Clair Memorial Hall. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Bowman is a vestryman. He has for a number of years been prominent in the councils of the church and at the present time is a member of the committee on church canons of the diocese of Southern Ohio. In the midst of the thronging demands of a busy life he is always approachable, being gracious in his association with his fellow men and enjoying a personal popularity which is a natural result of his characteristics, while his professional ability has given him marked prestige throughout this locality.

GEORGE W. MACE.

As a native son of Darke county and a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families in this section of the Buckeye State, George W. Mace is eminently entitled to representation in a compilation which has to do with those who have been the founders and builders of this commonwealth, while such is his personal honor and integrity of character and such his standing as one of the successful and progressive business men of his community that this consideration is all the more compatible.

George W. Mace, senior member of the firm of Mace & Mansfield, seed merchants at Greenville, was born in German township, this county, on November 27, 1852. He is the son of Rufus and Martha (Brooks) Mace, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Virginia. They were the parents of

six children, of which number two lived to mature years, the subject of this sketch and John F., now deceased. Rufus Mace was, when but a boy, brought to Ohio by his parents, who located on a farm in Harrison township, this county. On this farm he was reared and attended the district schools. He afterwards learned the trade of a cooper, which he followed until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, with which command he served about two years, returning home an invalid and dying from the effects of his army life in 1869, aged thirty-eight years. His wife died ten years later at the age of forty-nine years. Both were Methodists in their religious belief.

The subject is descended on the paternal side from Nathan R. and Dorcas (Fodrea) Mace, who came from North Carolina, about 1818, taking up a tract of government land in Hamilton county, Indiana. The father died soon after locating there, and his widow and children went to that land in Hamilton county, Indiana, locating near Sheridan, where she spent the remainder of her life. Their children were James, John, Jesse, Jonathan, Caroline and Rufus, father of the subject. The maternal grandparents of the subject were natives of England, who became early settlers in Darke county, their home being in German township, where they died in old age. Their children, five in number, were Polly, Susan, Martha, John and George.

George W. Mace was reared in the village of Palestine, German township, and received his education in the public schools there. After taking a course in a business college in Dayton, Ohio, he began clerking in the dry goods store of Augustus Wilson in Greenville, where he remained from 1875 to 1895, with the exception of about six years, which he spent on a farm in German township. In 1895 Mr. Mace embarked in the seed business, in which he met with success from the outstart and in which he has continued to the present time. In 1904 he took Albert Mansfield into the business as a partner, under the firm name of Mace & Mansfield, and they are now numbered among the substantial and successful business houses of Greenville. They handle all kinds of seeds, bulbs, and kindred lines, and they have, by courteous treatment and high quality of their goods, built up an enormous trade, commanding the major part of the local business in their line.

On August 29, 1875, Mr. Mace was married to Malinda

Mikesell, the daughter of Samuel and Fanny (Kunkle) Mikesell, both of whom were natives of Darke county, and both are now deceased. Mrs. Mace was born and reared in Harrison township, this county.

Politically, Mr. Mace is a Prohibitionist, believing that the temperance question is the most important issue before the American people. He has been interested in local public affairs and served as clerk of German township one term. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, while, religiously, he and his wife are earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Mace is a member of the official board. He has lived in this community during his entire life and has gained a wide acquaintance, among whom he is held in the highest esteem because of his estimable personal qualities and his splendid business record. Modest and refined, he seeks no notoriety, but honestly endeavors to live as a man among men and to earn their approval and approbation.

CHARLES FREMONT McKHANN, M. D.

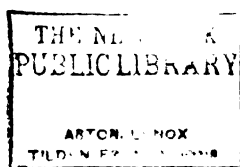
Dr. Charles Fremont McKhann is a prominent resident of Greenville, born at the corner of Main and Vine streets, in that city, July 12, 1856, a member of an old Ohio family. He is a son of James and Margaret E. (Carnahan) McKhann, the former born in Greenville March 3, 1828, died at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 29, 1907, and was buried in Forest Hill cemetery there. The mother was born March 10, 1836, and died July 2, 1858. She was buried in Sharpeye, Darke county, Ohio. The Carnahan family were very early settlers of Darke county, and William T. Carnahan located two miles east of Greenville (coming from Pennsylvania) in 1811. He served in the Second regiment, Ohio volunteers, from April 27, 1812, until April 26, 1813, being one of the three ancestors of Dr. Charles F. McKhann who served in that war and served in the battle of Tippecanoe and Falling Timbers.

Doctor McKhann's ancestry has been traced back for many generations of several lines, one of them to the year 1632, and did space permit we would deal at length with this interesting topic; however, we will give some of the leading facts which are of general interest. His great-grandfather, Azor Scribner, came from New York to Darke county in 1805, and for many



C. St. Michham Geo. Michham Mary Michham.

Paula E. Michham L. F. Michham. Dr.



years carried on an extensive business with the Indians as a fur trader. One of his eight daughters was the first white child born at Middletown, where he first settled. He spent three years trading with the Indians in Darke county while his family remained in Middletown, and in 1808, as above stated, located permanently. His youngest daughter, Rhoda, was stolen by the Indians, but subsequently restored to her family. His granddaughter, Mrs. Avery, of Greenville, recalls that when a child she heard her grandmother relate that it was her grandfather and Colonel Johnson who shot and killed the Indian chief, Tecumseh, but fear that he might be killed by the Indians led Azor Scribner to tell only his wife of the circumstance. This story is further borne out by the possession of the gun with which Tecumseh was shot, which was owned by the subject of this sketch until quite recently. Azor Scribner served in the War of 1812, under Captain Joseph Ewing, from August 9, 1812, until February 8, 1814.

Another ancestor of Doctor McKhann, on the maternal side, his great-grandfather, Joseph Adams, was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting in 1782, at the age of thirteen years. He also served in the War of 1812 from September 26, 1812, until March of the following year. Nathaniel Adams was the father of Joseph Adams, and was born at Braintree, Mass., January 19, 1745. He enlisted for service in the Revolution September 9, 1778. He was first cousin to John Adams and second cousin of John Quincy Adams, presidents of the United States. The Adams family is presumably the oldest in the history of the world, and the branch here mentioned dates known ancestry back over six hundred years to Sir John Ap Adam (the letter "s" being then omitted), who was summoned to Parliament as Baron of the Realm, 1296 to 1307. The fifth generation after this added the letter "s" to the name and it has since been retained. An early member of this family, Henry Adams, married Mary Alexander, daughter of Lord Sterling, came to America in 1632 and located at Braintree. Samuel Adams, brother of Rev. Joseph Adams (father of President John Adams), was the father of Nathaniel Adams, who married Rachael Chambers, of Trenton, N. J., They settled at Frederick, Maryland, and in 1780 removed to Harrison county, Virginia (now West Virginia), where they became owners of a large plantation. Doctor McKhann has in his possession a copy of Nathaniel Adams's will and original of contract and bill of sale of personal property, slaves, etc., dated January 28, 1824.

Rev. John Carnahan was a farmer and Christian minister and in 1830 built a beautiful Christian church, chopping and hewing the logs with his own hands. This building, seven miles west of Greenville, on Winchester pike, was most substantially built and remained standing until 1867, when the present building, known as the Carnahan church, was erected. It was built on his farm where he had six hundred acres for which he paid \$800.

The only child born to James and Margaret McKhann was Dr. Charles F. James McKhann married as his second wife, Elnora Moore of Greenville, November 14, 1859. She died at Chattanooga September 27, 1876, and was buried in Forest Hill cemetery there. Two daughters were born of this union, namely: Lizzie, wife of J. Hamilton Cady, of Chattanooga, who has four children, and Ella, wife of William E. Mongar, of Chattanooga, who has six children.

Doctor McKhann was but two years of age when his mother died, and he was reared by his Grandmother Carnahan. When he was three years of age they visited Clarke county, Iowa, and he was so pleased with the location that he felt a very strong desire to return. It was when six years of age he first attended school in Iowa, running away from home to get to go. It was conducted in a log building, with slab seats, puncheon floors and no windows. After remaining six months in Iowa he returned to Darke county and there attended school in the Carnahan school house about seven miles from Greenville. He assisted in the farm work and attended school until he was ten years old, when he and his grandmother returned to Clarke county, Iowa, and there he remained until he attained his majority, attending school through the winter months. When twenty-one years of age he was graduated from high school at Osceola, Iowa, and at that time had been studying medicine for two years. He worked part of the time as cowboy and read medical books while in the saddle. He was very fond of study and reading and used every opportunity to do so.

Upon his return to Greenville, about 1877, he read medical books under the direction of Dr. John E. Matchett, which course he continued two years. In 1877 he entered Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, graduating two years later with the degree of M. D. He began practice at Norwood, Lucas county, Iowa, and one year later located in New Madison, Darke county, Ohio, where he became very successful in his profession, remaining ten years. Then, after remaining two years in Greenville, he became much interested in country then be-

ing opened up in Florida, and invested in timber land and the turpentine industry. He owned 33,000 acres of land in one piece located in a single county. He now owns several tracts, aggregating several thousand acres of land and scattered in different counties. Since 1884 he has made annual trips to Florida, and sometimes spends as long a time as nine months there, but his permanent home is in Greenville. He owns some of the best business property in the city, including the Weaver block, the finest building of the kind in the city. He is held in high esteem by all and is one of the leading citizens. He is justly proud of his ancestry and is interested in the early history of Darke county, in which his forbears took so worthy a part. He is a Republican in politics and much interested in public affairs. He belongs to no clubs or societies.

Doctor McKhann has been twice married, first, August 29, 1878, to Ida May, daughter of John Fox, a prominent farmer and miller of Darke county, who resided at Fox Mills, three miles west of Greenville, and two children blessed their union: Maude Ethel, born July 8, 1879, who was married July 4, 1900, to Rollin F. Cohee, of Frankfort, Ind., and they have a son, Rollin F., born July 26, 1910; and another daughter, Leslie May, born December 25, 1881, who married George O. Palmer, August 14, 1907, and they have a daughter, Mary Frances Palmer, born July 28, 1908, and live at Lake City, Fla. Mrs. McKhann, mother of these children, died May 15, 1885, and is buried at New Madison. Doctor McKhann married (second) June 28, 1887, at Des Moines, Iowa, Mary, daughter of Philip and Lizzie Grassel, of Osceola, Iowa. To this union three children were born: George G., January 23, 1893, attending the University at Oxford; Zerelda Elizabeth, born February 27, 1897, is in the third year of high school, and Charles Fremont, Jr., born December 21, 1898, is in the second year of high school. Dr. McKhann is a supporter of the Christian church and his wife is a Seventh Day Adventist.

OSCAR R. KRICKENBERGER.

The success of men in business or any professional vocation depends upon character as well as upon knowledge, it being a self-evident proposition that honesty is the best policy. Business and professional life demand confidence and where that is lacking business ceases. In every community some

men are known for their upright lives, strong common sense and persistent energy rather than for their wealth or political standing. Their neighbors and acquaintances respect them, the younger generations heed their example and when "they wrap the drapery of their couches about them and lie down to pleasant dreams" posterity will listen with reverence to the story of their useful lives. Among such men in Darke county is he whose name appears at the head of this paragraph, who is not only an eminently successful lawyer and a progressive man of affairs, but a man of modest and unassuming demeanor, a fine type of the reliable, self-made American, a friend to the poor, charitable to the faults of his neighbors, and who has always stood ready to unite with them in every good work and active in the support of laudable public enterprises. He is proud of Greenville and the grand State of Ohio and zealous of their progress and prosperity. He in every respect merits the high esteem in which he is universally held, because of his intellectual attainments, professional success and public spirit.

Oscar R. Krickenberger is descended from good old German stock, an element which has contributed so materially to the growth and development of this country. His paternal grandparents were Carl and Wilhelmina (Endorff) Kruckenberg, which was the original spelling of the family name. Leaving their native land in 1852, they came to the United States, settling two and a half miles northeast of Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, where they cleared and improved a farm of forty acres. There they spent the rest of their days, he dying in 1880, at the age of seventy-nine years, and she in 1884, aged about eighty-two years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Charles; Henry A., father of the subject of this sketch; Caroline W., who became the wife of John Mohr, and Frederick F.

Carl Henry Augustus Krickenberger was born and reared in Germany and received a good practical education in the splendid schools of that country. In 1855, at the age of nineteen years, he bought his time from his uncle, Ferdinand, to whom he had been apprenticed, and came to America, coming direct to Darke county, Ohio, and locating in Greenville township, where he obtained work on a farm. Soon afterwards he went to Missouri, and on the outbreak of the Civil war he joined one of the Union guerilla bands operating in that State. In 1861 he returned to Darke county, and on July 22, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Ninety-fourth

regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served faithfully until January, 1863, when he was discharged because of physical disability. His command had been assigned to the Army of the Tennessee and he took part in all the battles and campaigns in which that army was engaged up to the time of his discharge, his last battle having been the important one at Murfreesboro. Upon his return from the army, Mr. Krickenberger engaged in farming in German township, this county, where he had acquired a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and there he died on March 20, 1877, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. He had married Lydia A. Drew, a native of Darke county, and who is still living, at the age of about seventy-four years. She is a daughter of Robert and Lydia (Bliss) Drew, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey and the latter of Darke county, Ohio. In an early day Robert Drew walked the entire distance from New Jersey to Arcanum, this county, and from here walked to below Covington, Ky., where he put out a crop of wheat. He then walked back to Darke county, and the following summer walked back to Kentucky and harvested his wheat. That was in the early twenties. He made his permanent home in Darke county, where he had homesteaded a small piece of land, and he afterwards accumulated much other land, leaving to each of his children a farm. He died in 1879, aged seventy-three years, and his wife died in 1896, at the age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; William, who is still living; Joseph, who died in Iowa; James, who lives near Castine, this county; Lydia A., mother of the subject of this sketch; Mollie, wife of John B. Hans; Julia A., wife of Louis P. Newbauer; Martha, wife of Peter Brown; Amanda, wife of William Folkerth; Mary Jane, deceased wife of F. F. Krickenberger, and two who died in infancy. To Carl Henry A. and Lydia A. (Drew) Krickenberger were born six children, as follows: Henry F., of Greenville, Ohio; Charles F., of Iditarod, Alaska; Caroline Wilhelmina, wife of Frank Brown, of Greenville; Oscar R., the immediate subject of this review; Carl A., of Greenville; and George, the first born, who died in infancy.

Oscar R. Krickenberger was but six years old when death deprived him of a father's guidance and protection and at the early age of eleven years he began life's battle on his own account, his first employment being at farm work. He had

been deprived of the opportunities for an education for which he yearned and something of the character of the man was revealed in the boy when, with nineteen other boys, each put twenty dollars into a common fund and employed a tutor, Clement L. Brumbaugh, now Congressman from the Twelfth Ohio District. Under the latter, the subject attended school for five months in the years 1886 and 1887, and he made such rapid progress in his studies that he was deemed qualified to teach school, which vocation he followed during the winter months for several years, farming during the summer vacations. The young man was ambitious to become a lawyer, and in 1891, about the time he attained his majority, he entered the law offices of Allread & Bickel, under whose directions he pursued his studies, and on June 8, 1893, he was admitted to the bar of Darke county. He at once entered upon the active practice of his profession and has been successful to a notable degree, having been for several years one of the conspicuous members of the local bar. Exactness and thoroughness have characterized all his labors, for early in life he absorbed the truth of that old and time-tried maxim, that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. As a lawyer he has been a credit to his profession, while as a citizen he has been of that sterling type who have added to the stability of our government and its institutions. There is in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that has commanded the respect of all and made him an influential factor in the public and civic life of the community. Mr. Krickenberger has been very successful in his material affairs and in 1911 he erected the fine office and business block, located at Nos. 112 and 114 West Fourth street, Greenville, in which he has his law offices.

On the 10th day of May, 1899, Mr. Krickenberger was united in marriage with Ella Stull, who was born at Lambertville, N. J., the daughter of John W. and Hannah (Kooker) Stull, both of whom also were natives of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Stull came to Darke county in 1878, and here the father died on July 8, 1909, aged seventy-three years; his widow is still living, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Krickenberger is their only child now living. Mrs. Krickenberger's grandparents were, on the paternal side, Henry and Sarah (Wert) Stull, natives of New Jersey, and on the maternal side, Samuel and Louisa (Hinkle) Kooker, natives of Penn-

sylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Krickenberger has been born a daughter, Lydia Virginia, now two years old.

Politically, Mr. Krickenberger is a supporter of the Democratic party, and takes a live interest in public affairs. Mrs. Krickenberger is an earnest and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church.

As a member of the bar Mr. Krickenberger has faithfully and honestly discharged his every duty. He has always counseled and maintained only such actions and defenses as have appeared to him to be just, and in the trial of cases he has never sought to employ means other than were entirely consistent with truth and the law, never seeking to mislead court or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law, and he has adhered so closely to the professional code of ethics as at all times to command the confidence and respect of bench and bar. Personally, he possesses those qualities which invite friendship and in the large circle of acquaintances which he enjoys he has many warm and loyal friends.

J. EDWARD WILLIAMS.

Of staunch old Welsh lineage is the subject of this sketch, who is a native son of Darke county and now numbered among its successful and influential citizens, being the present efficient clerk of the courts of Darke county. Public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community, he is numbered among the most valued citizens of the county. Mr. Williams was born in Greenville, Ohio, on January 24, 1878, and is a son of Joel and Mary (Kelley) Williams, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Pennsylvania. On the paternal side, Grandfather Williams and his wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca J. Arthur, and whose parentage was John Arthur and Sallie (Beard) Arthur, all were natives of Darke county, Ohio, but subsequently moved to Salem, near Union City, Ind., where he died. His widow later returned to Greenville, Ohio, with her children, and here her death occurred when nearly eighty years of age. She was the mother of the following children: John, Joel, Jason, James, Emma J. and William H. On the maternal side, the grandparents were John and Rebecca (Shade) Kelly, natives of

Pennsylvania, and the parentage of Rebecca (Shade) Kelley being Samuel and Elizabeth (Walter) Shade, English descent. John Kelly, who was of German descent, came to Darke county many years ago and located in Greenville, where he engaged in the tanning business and died when well advanced in years. Joel Williams was reared in Indiana and in young manhood was employed at farm work, his education being secured in the common schools. After returning to Darke county, he entered the employ of the Henry St. Clair Company, with whom he remained for a number of years. He also served as city marshal and policeman for a long time. He is now humane officer, truant officer and game and fish warden. To him and his wife were born the following children: J. Edward, whose name appears at the head of this review; Harry S., and J. Lendall, of Greenville, and Isis Juanita, who was graduated from the Greenville High School with the class of 1913.

J. Edward Williams was reared in Greenville and attended the public schools, being graduated from high school in 1897. He then went to work for the Western Union Telegraph Company as a lineman, but at the end of a year he returned to Greenville and accepted the management of the Bell Telephone Company, being located at Bessemer, Ala., for about ten months. Then, returning to Greenville, Ohio, he accepted the appointment as deputy clerk of the courts. In 1908 Mr. Williams was elected clerk of the courts and so satisfactory were his services that in 1910 he was re-elected to that office, receiving the largest majority of any candidate elected to office in this county up to that time. He is the present incumbent of the office and, by strict attention to his official duties and courteous treatment of all who have business in that office, he has won a host of warm personal friends and gained the commendation of all who are at all familiar with his work. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Greenville school board and chairman of the St. Clair memorial and library committee, and has the distinction of being the first manager of the beautiful St. Clair Memorial.

On the 26th day of September, 1900, Mr. Williams married Stella Shollenberger, the daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Clauer) Shollenberger, and to their union were born two children, Ceres Caroline and J. E. Mrs. Williams was born at Springfield, Ohio, and is of German parentage, her father having come to America from Boden, Germany, when young,

and her mother, Caroline (Clauer) Shollenberger, was born in Sandusky, Ohio. They died at Springfield, Ohio, when well advanced in years. Their children were as follows: George, Jacob, Edgar, Harry, Stella and Amelia.

Politically Mr. Williams is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and takes an active part in campaign work, and is being mentioned by his friends as a prospective candidate for congressional honors of the Fourth district. Fraternally, he is a member of Greenville Lodge No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Greenville Lodge No. 161, Knights of Pythias, and Greenville Castle No. 40, Knights of the Golden Eagle. Religiously, he is a member of the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Williams having been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church. A man of highest integrity and of unvarying courtesy and kindness, Mr. Williams is honored by all who know him and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of his county.

JOHN L. MORGAN.

Specific mention is made of many of the worthy citizens of Darke county within the pages of this work, citizens who have figured in the growth and development of this favored locality and whose interests have been identified with its every phase of progress, each contributing in his sphere of action to the well-being of the community in which he resides and to the advancement of its normal and legitimate growth. Among this number is he whose name appears above, peculiar interest attaching to his career from the fact that his entire life has been spent within the borders of this county.

John L. Morgan first saw the light of day on March 13, 1867, in Wayne township, Darke county, Ohio, and he is the son of William H. and Sarah A. (Moneypenny) Morgan. William H. Morgan, who was born in Ohio, was the son of Mathias and Mary Elizabeth (Bauersock) Morgan, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Mathias Morgan served his country in the Civil war, being a member of the Forty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry for four years. He and his wife became early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, locating in Harrison township, near New Madison, where they spent the remainder of their lives, he dying at the age of about ninety years and his wife when eighty-three years

old. They were German Baptists in their religious belief and were highly respected in their community. They reared a good sized family, namely: Mary, Hettie, Amanda, William Harrison, Taylor, Freeman and Sherman. William H. Morgan was reared in Darke county, and has always followed the vocation of a farmer, residing in this county until 1896, when he moved to Richland county. He was a soldier in the Civil war for two years, serving as a private in Company B, Eighth Ohio cavalry. After his return from the army he married and then began farming in Wayne township, this county, where he reared his family and where his wife passed away in 1894, in the forty-eighth year of her age. They both were members of the German Baptist church. Mr. Morgan again married, his second wife being a Mrs. Snyder, of Richland county, this state, where they now reside. Sarah A. Moneypenny, the first wife of William H. Morgan and the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in West Virginia, the daughter of foreign-born parents, her father having been born in Ireland and her mother in Scotland. After coming to this country, they settled near Weston, W. Va., where they engaged in farming and where their deaths occurred. To William H. and Sarah Morgan were born four children, namely: John L., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Mary, wife of J. B. Coppes, of near Versailles, and Cora, the wife of Harry Clifton, of Shelby, Ohio.

John L. Morgan was reared in Webster, this county, and attended the public schools and the normal school at Gettysburg. He then engaged in teaching school, following that vocation through sixteen terms, among the schools which he taught being the first school which he ever attended, old No. 9 in Adams township, teaching also in the last school which he attended as a pupil. Later he quit teaching and for a while followed the trade of stone mason, but eventually turned his attention to farming in York township, where he owned a small farm. In 1907 Mr. Morgan went to Greenville and became deputy county auditor under Auditor Frank Snyder. In 1910 he was elected auditor, assuming the duties of the office in October, 1911, and is the present incumbent of the office, and discharging his official duties in a manner that has won for him the commendation of all who are at all familiar with his work.

On October 23, 1890, Mr. Morgan married Melinda Nutter, the daughter of Jacob and Hester (Garrett) Nutter. To their

union was born a daughter, Charlotte Alna, who became the wife of E. D. Martin, of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while, fraternally, Mr. Morgan belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically, he is a Democrat and at one time served five years as clerk of York township. Throughout his career Mr. Morgan has been emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy and liberal views, and is deeply interested in the growth and prosperity of the county which has been his home.

WILLIAM M. HARPER.

In the daily laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a solid career on the part of a business or professional man there is little to attract the casual reader in search of a sensational chapter; but to a mind thoroughly awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, without other means than a clear head, strong arm and true heart, directed and controlled by correct principles and unerring judgment, conquers obstacles and finally wins, not only pecuniary success, but, what is far greater and higher, the deserved respect and confidence of those with whom his active years have been spent. To this class belongs the subject of this brief sketch, who for many years has been numbered among the most substantial citizens of Greenville—indeed, to him belongs the noteworthy distinction of having been longer in business here than any other merchant now actively engaged in business. He has thus been an eye witness and participant in the splendid growth and development which has characterized this beautiful city and surrounding country.

William Marion Harper was born about three and a half miles southeast of Greenville, Ohio, on the 30th day of October, 1835, and he is a son of William Sanford Harper and Delilah (Arnold) Harper, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and South Carolina. The father was reared to manhood in his native state, and then came to Darke county, Ohio, part of the way being by means of a flat boat down the Ohio river. He settled on a farm in Greenville township that was entered

from the government by his father-in-law, William Arnold, and there he engaged in farming, which he carried on continuously and with success until 1875, when he came to Greenville to live, and here spent the remainder of his days, his wife having died on the farm in 1875, aged sixty years. In young manhood he had been a school teacher during the winter months, tilling the soil during the summer vacation periods. He had also studied civil engineering and after moving to Greenville he became the official civil engineer for most of the pikes in this neighborhood which were built during the period from 1870 to 1885. He lived to an advanced age, his death occurring in Greenville at the age of ninety-two years. He and his wife were members of the Christian (or Disciples) church and he was one of the pioneers in the Restoration movement. He was active in civil affairs and before he left the farm he was elected county surveyor, in which office he served a number of years. To him and his wife were born the following children: Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Culbertson, and now living on the old homestead in Greenville township; William M., our subject; John, deceased, and Sarah Catharine, who died at the age of twelve years.

William M. Harper spent his boyhood days on the home farm in Greenville township and attended the common schools. He was apt in his studies and secured a certificate entitling him to teach, but he never applied for a school. He decided to learn a trade, and upon attaining his majority, in 1857, he came to Greenville and apprenticed himself for three years with N. Webb, then the leading jeweler here. After serving his time, Mr. Harper embarked in the jewelry business on his own account and has been engaged in this line of business continuously since that time, a period of fifty-three years, a remarkable record from both a physical and commercial standpoint. During all these years Mr. Harper has enjoyed not only his full share of the public patronage in his line, but also the unreserved confidence and good will of the people. He is probably as widely known in this section of the country as any merchant in the county, and everywhere he commands respect. Mr. Harper has retained to a remarkable degree his physical vigor, his hand being almost as steady and his eye as keen as most men many years his junior. He still gives his personal attention to his business and is often found at his repair bench, attending to some fine bit of watch repairing or jewelry mending.

On the 13th of November, 1861, Mr. Harper was married to Helen Angel, of Bluffton, Ind., the daughter of David and Adeline (Porter) Angel, and to this union were born two children, William A. and Harlie B. William A., who married Cora Brown and lives in Toledo, Ohio, is an expert jeweler and engraver. Harlie B., who is dead, married Bessie Mitchell and they had two children, Florence Belle and Helen Mar. Mrs. Helen Harper died on November 11, 1877, aged thirty-seven years, and in 1891 Mr. Harper chose for his second wife Mrs. Victoria Barnhizer, who died without issue. Subsequently Mr. Harper married Miss Anna Manor, February 15, 1893, who enjoys with him the love and esteem of their large circle of warm and loyal friends.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Harper are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for a number of years Mr. Harper was a member of the board of trustees. Politically, he has always been a Democrat, but in local elections he has always voted for the men rather than the party. Mr. Harper retains vivid recollections of the early days in Greenville, before the present prosperity was even promised, but in the steady and healthy growth of this community he has had a hand and has outlived practically all who were prominent here when he started upon his business career. Because of his splendid record, his genuine worth and high personal character, he is clearly entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one at hand.

HON. DR. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS HOSTETTER.

The life of the subject of this review has been such as to bear aloft the high standard which had been maintained by his father, who was one of the early settlers of Darke county and whose life was signally noble, upright and useful—one over which falls no shadow of wrong in thought, word or deed. Such was the type of men who laid the foundations and aided in the development of this favored section of the Buckeye State, and to their memories will ever be paid a tribute of reverence and gratitude by those who have profited by their well directed endeavors and appreciated the lessons of their lives.

Samuel A. Hostetter, who for a number of years has been

well and favorably known as the cashier of the Second National Bank of Greenville, was born near Versailles, Darke county, Ohio, on April 9, 1847. He is a son of Dr. Isaac and Hannah (Hager) Hostetter, the father having been a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter born near Hagerstown, Md. Jacob Hostetter and wife, the subject's grandparents, were natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to the United States, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., where they spent their remaining days, both dying at advanced ages. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, Jr., John, Hezekiah, Isaac, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and two sons who lost their lives in a massacre by the Indians. Of these children, Isaac was reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and, after completing his common school education, he studied medicine. In the early thirties, he located in Dayton, Ohio, where he entered upon the active practice of his profession, but soon afterwards removed to Darke county, locating two miles south of Versailles, where he bought a farm, which he had cleared and improved, and there his children were reared in part. He also continued the active practice of his profession, in which his interest and enthusiasm never abated up to the time of his death. He removed to Beamsville, this county, where his death occurred in 1861; aged fifty years. He was survived by his widow, who died in 1867, at the age of fifty-six years. Her parents were natives of Maryland, where they spent their lives and died. They were respected farming folk and reared the following children: James, Hezekiah, Hannah, Caroline, who came to Darke county, Ohio, and married a Mr. Bear; and others. To Isaac and Hannah Hostetter the following children were born: Hiram, who was a soldier in the Union army, during the Civil war, gave up his life in the service; Salinda, now deceased, who was the wife of William H. Stahl; Caroline, wife of E. Alton; Samuel A., whose name heads this review; Thomas J., of Ansonia, Ohio; Franklin P., of Osceola, Mo.; Ellen, who died in infancy.

Samuel A. Hostetter spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in this county, receiving his elementary education in the district schools at Beamsville. Later he attended the Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and then followed out his long-cherished purpose of preparing himself for the practice of medicine. He first studied under the directions of his uncle, Samuel Hager, at Ansonia, and then matriculated in the Ohio

Medical College, where he was graduated in 1869. He immediately entered upon the practice of medicine at Ansonia, to which he devoted himself, with gratifying success, until 1876. In the latter year the Doctor was elected to the Ohio Legislature, and was elected to succeed himself, thus serving two terms, with credit to himself and honor to his constituency. In 1881 Doctor Hostetter was appointed treasurer of Darke county, serving three years, at the end of which period he engaged in the drug business at Ansonia, in partnership with his brother, Thomas J., with whom he was associated for twenty-five years, their relations being not only mutually agreeable, but profitable as well. The subject of this sketch retired from the drug store in order to accept the position of cashier of the Second National Bank of Greenville, which he has held since. The Second National Bank was organized in 1883, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, and is one of the strong and reliable financial institutions of western Ohio, much of the success of the institution being due to the unremitting efforts and splendid ability of Mr. Hostetter.

In November, 1872, Samuel A. Hostetter married Cordelia Tullis, daughter of Milton and Sarah Tullis. She passed away in 1883 and in 1888 the Doctor married Mrs. Jeremiah Harmon, widow of Charles Harmon and daughter of John and Annie Yohe. Mrs. Hostetter was born at Sidney, Ohio, and her father was a native of Pennsylvania. He and his wife were early settlers of Greenville, where he followed milling and where their deaths occurred. They had six children, of whom four are living, namely: Mollie, Dora, Tina and Benjamin, who has held a position in the treasury department at Washington, D. C.

Politically, Doctor Hostetter is an earnest Democrat and has taken a commendable interest in public affairs. He served several years as trustee of Brown township and was also clerk of the township. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, while, fraternally, the Doctor is a member of Ansonia Lodge No. 488, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a charter member. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of the community, in many ways contributing to the general welfare. He has shown his faith in the business enterprises of the locality by investing his money and is a stockholder and director in the Western Ohio Creamery, a stockholder and director in the Home Telephone Com-

pany, and a stockholder in the Greenville Electric Light Plant. Generous to a fault and sociable to a high degree, Doctor Hostetter wins friends easily, and he has the happy faculty of drawing them closer to him as the years pass by. Viewed in a personal light, he is a strong man, of excellent judgment, fair in his views and honorable in his relations with his fellow men.

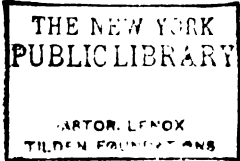
HON. FRANK T. CONKLING (Deceased).

The late Frank T. Conkling was an important figure in financial circles in Darke county, and in point of years in business was the oldest banker in the county. He had a large circle of friends and held their affectionate esteem by reason of his sterling qualities and true worth. He was mourned as a distinguished citizen of the city and county whose interests and progress had been very near to his heart, and his colleagues valued highly his business acumen, foresight and excellent judgment. As cashier of the Greenville National Bank he displayed a keen knowledge of affairs and of men in the business world. He was one who faithfully discharged all duties and accomplished whatever he undertook in an able manner. He was a true gentleman, whose modesty and kindness of heart endeared him to all. He was much interested in the welfare of his fellow citizens and could always be depended upon for a ready sympathy. He was a kind husband and a loving father, being greatly attached to his home circle. He started in the business world in a modest capacity and steadily progressed by virtue of his enterprise and ability.

Mr. Conkling was a son of Pierson Conkling and was born on a farm near Cincinnati, in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 27, 1858. Pierson Conkling was three times married. By the first union he had one son, James D. Conkling, now a resident of Kentland, Indiana; by the second marriage, one child was born, Frank T., of this sketch; there were no children born of the third union. After his second marriage Pierson Conkling lived for a time in Cincinnati, then moved to North Vernon, Indiana, where he became proprietor of a general store. In 1905 he located in Kentland, Indiana, and there his death occurred, in 1908, his interment taking place in Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati. He was a lifelong



F. J. Cunningham



member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics was a republican.

Frank T. Conkling was about two years of age when his parents moved to Cincinnati, from their farm, and in that city he attended the public schools until he was about seventeen years old. In 1875 he came to Greenville in search of employment, being then an enterprising and intelligent young man about seventeen years of age. In July, 1876, he entered the bank of Huffnagle, Allen & Company, as messenger and general office boy, and there his worth was soon recognized, for he applied himself faithfully to his duties. He was successively promoted to the posts of bookkeeper, assistant teller and assistant cashier, and on February 10, 1895, became cashier, which post he held up to the time of his death, although the name of the institution had then become changed. Huffnagle, Allen & Company were succeeded by the Greenville Bank Company, and the institution was not considered very stable. Mr. Conkling had begun to buy stock in the enterprise and eventually became the largest stockholder. It was principally through his wise and far-seeing handling of the policies and resources of the concern that the confidence of the public was regained, and in 1904 this concern transferred its assets to and became merged with the Greenville National Bank. From that time on its progress was marked with success and it gradually grew to be one of the strongest banks in the county.

Mr. Conkling's largest interests were in the bank, but he extended to various other enterprises the benefit of his talents and ability and in so doing helped build up the city and the region, adding prestige to the bank especially. He was a stockholder with Irwin Brothers, sewer contractors, and with Ross Supply Co., being a director of the latter. He was also a director with the Greenville Home Telephene Company, a stockholder and director in the Tennessee Lumber Company, and assisted in the management and control of various other enterprises. He was a charter member of Commercial Club and was one of its most active workers. He served fifteen years as a member of the school board and was its president two terms, bringing to these duties the same conscientious zeal that he displayed in his business affairs. Public money was several times held in trust by him and the city's funds were often in his hands, notably during the time of the erection of the Carnegie library. Fraternally, Mr. Conkling

was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For eighteen years he served as vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

On April 30, 1885, Mr. Conkling was united in marriage with Miss Lillian V. Breaden, of Greenville, daughter of John E. and Anjumila (Huffnagle) Breaden, and born on a farm in Brown township, Darke county. John E. Breaden was born at Springdale, Hamilton county, June 19, 1830, was reared on a farm there and received a common school education. In young manhood he came to Darke county and there met and married Anjumila Huffnagle, who was born in Pennsylvania, May 19, 1832, daughter of John and Barbara (Bordner) Huffnagle, of Pennsylvania-German stock, who came to Greenville in 1836. Mr. Huffnagle had a general merchandise store on the corner of Broadway and Public Square on the lot upon which the Breaden and Conkling's beautiful residence was erected in 1900.

Upon coming to Greenville, Mr. Breaden interested himself in the drug business for a time, then sold out and began farming and stock raising in Richland township. When he retired from active life he located in Greenville, where his death occurred in 1904. His widow still resides in Greenville. They had three children: John E., who passed away at the age of forty-five years; a daughter who died in infancy, and Lillian V., Mrs. Conkling. Mrs. Conkling received her early education in the public schools of Greenville and later entered St. Mary's of the Springs, a convent at Columbus, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1881. Her parents then located in Greenville and she lived with them there until her marriage to Mr. Conkling four years later.

One son blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Conkling, Breaden P., born June 19, 1887, at Greenville. After attending the public schools and Kenyon College he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Upon leaving college he returned to Greenville and there became a successful wholesale dealer in tobacco. He was married at Martinsburg, West Virginia, to Miss Inez Boyer, and one son has been born to them, Frank T., October 12, 1913.

On May 12, 1912, while attending to his duties at the bank as usual, Mr. Conkling was suddenly stricken with an attack of adhesion of the bowels and was removed to his home at No. 220 Broadway. By the sixteenth of the month the

disease had developed such a serious aspect that he was taken to the Jewish hospital at Cincinnati, where an operation was performed with the hope of saving his life. Although he rallied from the operation and was apparently recovering satisfactorily, kidney trouble developed and in his weakened condition he was unable to withstand this ailment. On the morning of June 27, 1913, he passed away. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Episcopal church, which was completely filled with sorrowing relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tribute to one of Greenville's best beloved citizens. He was laid to rest in Greenville cemetery.

The foregoing is only a brief review of the life of one who in a remarkable manner impressed his personality upon those who knew him. It is merely a cursory outline of his life and activities, for his real biography is found in the sets of resolutions passed by various institutions after his death, in which his real nature and the qualities which attracted the friendship of all classes stand forth.

The resolutions passed by the Greenville National Bank were in part as follows: "In the wisdom of Providence our cashier, Frank T. Conkling, having been called from his earthly labors, it is meet and fitting that some memento of his efficient service and worth to this institution and our appreciation thereof, be made of record. * * *

"To him, more than any other, whatever of prestige, attainment and success the bank now has in the community is due. He gave the best years of his life to its service, always faithful to his trust, diligent, untiring, energetic, zealous; unswerving in his honesty, impregnable in his integrity.

"His was a life essentially given to the community; he served the city in its council a number of years, and while such, upon his position in the matter rested the question whether the city should have a municipal water system, or be supplied with water by private corporation; the wisdom of his decision is now beyond question; he has been a member of the board of education for years; in 1898 he assisted in the organization of the Citizens' Loan & Savings Association and became its first treasurer, which position he filled continuously since; he has assisted all civic enterprises, giving both time and funds.

"He was quiet, dignified and unassuming, and by his judicious advice and counsel to those who sought it, he has been of incalculable benefit to the business interests. * * *

Frank was a true and loyal friend; a kind, loving and indulgent husband and father."

We cannot close this article in a more fitting manner than by quoting from an issue of the "Greenville Weekly Tribune," of Wednesday, July 2, 1913, entitled:

"TRIBUTE OF A FRIEND.

"In the passing of Frank T. Conkling, Greenville loses one of its most prominent and distinctive characters of the past three decades. His strong character has been felt in every movement of public interest or general good of the community.

"His distinctive character was shown in his every act. He was no man's man, but everybody's friend. Whether in private or public affairs it was always the same with him. He'd have his say—have his way—if it was manifestly right, and if in doubt he was always open to conviction. He was strong, but never unreasonable. He wanted his way when he knew he was right and made mighty few mistakes. In private affairs his judgment was the best to be had and in public affairs he was just as strong a figure. His handling of finances in his every day life was no comparison with his handling of the larger affairs of men in convention or conference. More than once with the great majority against him, he has swayed the throng to his will.

"From humble beginnings he grew to a man of might—not by any chance—not by the good graces of any other man or set of men, but by his own distinctive merits—and so great has been his influence on the affairs of men in his own community that today in many of the business houses of the city it seems a partner, or member of the firm is dead.

"Frank Conkling is dead!

"It cannot seem possible. Such a man, with so much yet to do in this life's work, must be sorely missed. He has been so badly needed, he was always so reliable when called upon that it seems almost improbable that his place can ever be filled.

"His success in life can be attributed to his one strongest talent—he knew men. No matter what the financial rating might be, no matter what others thought of a particular individual, it was always sure Frank Conkling knew. He knew and he acted always on his own best judgment and in the grand total—now that his life's story is being written—he

never erred. Sometimes, of course, men failed to meet his expectations, but it was they who failed, not he. His judgment was right at the time, but later if there was any change it was because the other fellow changed—changed from right to wrong or was a victim of circumstances that could not be helped.

"In the big affairs of life Frank Conkling was a well posted man. He had views on public policy that would have done credit to any statesman of the higher class. He trod no beaten path in his thoughts. He reasoned out things for the betterment of the people and, although of a retiring disposition, would express his views freely if the occasion demanded.

"He was broad minded, conscientious, liberal to every worthy cause, true to every trust, and true to his friends. He was a man among men. He will be missed."

JAMES A. RIES.

Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life will inevitably result in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out the career of one who has attained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which made such accomplishment possible, and thus there is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while at the same time there is enkindled a feeling of respect and admiration. The qualities which have made James A. Ries one of the prominent and successful men of Greenville, Ohio, have also brought him the esteem of his fellow townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

James A. Ries is a native son of the city in which he now lives and in which he spent his entire life. He is a son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Gilbert) Ries, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania. Jeremiah Ries was early in life left an orphan and in Pennsylvania was bound out for three years to learn the blacksmith's trade. In young manhood he came to Darke county, Ohio, being among the early settlers in this locality, and here he established a blacksmith shop, which he conducted with success up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1863, at the age of forty-eight years. He was survived many years by his widow, who died in 1900,

at the advanced age of eighty-five years. In religion, he was a Lutheran and she belonged to the Newlight Christian church. Mrs. Catherine Ries was the daughter of Henry Gilbert, whose other children were George, Jonathan, Susan and others. To Jeremiah and Catherine Ries were born four children, namely: David, deceased; James, the subject of this sketch; John, deceased, and Leslie of Greenville, Ohio.

James A. Ries was reared under the parental roof in Greenville, and is indebted to the public schools for his educational training, which, however, he has liberally supplemented through the years by much reading and habits of close observation. In his boyhood he began working in his father's blacksmith shop, and after the latter's death he continued the business, being associated with his brother John for many years and being very successful in the enterprise. John died in 1906, and the subject still continues the business, which has long been one of the best known and most popular blacksmith shops in this locality. Mr. Ries has also been engaged for some time in the grain and elevator business, being associated in the former business with H. C. Helm, under the firm name of Helm & Ries. Mr. Ries has given his support to a number of local enterprises for the upbuilding and development of Greenville, being a stockholder and president of the Greenville Home Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He is also financially interested in the Union City Telephone Company, and owns valuable farm lands in Greenville and German township, this county. As president of the Second National Bank of Greenville, Mr. Ries has been a most influential factor in advancing the commercial interests of Greenville and much of the splendid success which has characterized this well-known institution has been due directly to his splendid efforts and personal influence. All in all, few men in Greenville are so closely allied with the public interests of the people as Mr. Ries, and his record here as a citizen and business man has been fully appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On the 11th day of December, 1890, James A. Ries was married to Luella Paris, who was born in Wapello, Iowa, the daughter of Samuel J. and Eliza (Gray) Paris. Her father was a native of New Jersey and her mother of Cincinnati, Ohio. They went west and were among the early settlers of Wapello, where their deaths occurred, the father dying in 1907 and the mother in 1913. They were the parents of six children. To Mr. and Mrs. Ries has been born one child, Helen.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Ries are earnest members of the Presbyterian church, while his political views are in harmony with the platform of the Republican party. Fraternally, he is an enthusiastic Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the commandery of Knights Templar. Mrs. Ries's paternal grandfather, Paris, came to America from France with a man by the name of Joseph Bonaparte, locating in Bridgeton, N. J., where he engaged in farming and where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Ries move in the best social circles of Greenville and because of their high character and genuine worth they are deservedly popular. Mr. Ries has long been numbered among the solid and substantial citizens of the community where he has spent his life and in whose prosperity he is deeply interested.

HON. JAMES BUCHANAN KOLP.

This name is one known throughout Darke county, for here James B. Kolp has passed practically his entire life and here his parents resided for many years. He has long been recognized as one of the leading citizens of his locality, and for many years has held a prominent place in the public affairs of the county. He has been faithful to his conceptions of the duties of citizenship, ever striving to advance the interests of his fellow men, while in the responsible position of judge of the probate court he has rendered valued and appreciated service to his fellow citizens.

James Buchanan Kolp was born at Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio, on September 3, 1857, and is a son of Samuel L. and Mary A. (Strayer) Kolp, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Samuel L. Kolp was reared in his native state and, after completing his education, learned the trade of a tailor. In young manhood he came to Ohio, settling first in Greene county, where, for a time, he followed his trade, later moving to Miami county, and finally to Darke county. Here he located on a fine little farm of forty acres in Butler township, to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention until 1867 when he moved to Greenville. Here he again applied himself to the tailor's trade until 1870, when he accepted the office of deputy probate clerk, serving as such until 1882, when he was elected judge of the probate court, serving six years in

that position, when he retired. He died in Union City, Indiana, at the age of eighty-two years. Samuel L. Kolp was the son of Samuel and Fanny (Lipe) Kolp, who were natives of the state of Pennsylvania and descended from good old German stock. Samuel Kolp died at a comparatively early age, being survived many years by his widow, who was past ninety-one years old at the time of her death. During his active years Samuel Kolp followed farming and also kept a tavern. To him and his wife were born ten children, Elizabeth, Susan, Matilda, Martha, Levi, Abraham, Charlotte, Samuel, Sarah and Catharine. Mary A., the wife of Samuel L. Kolp, was the daughter of Samuel and Lydia Strayer, natives of Pennsylvania, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. They became early settlers in Clarke county, Ohio, and died there at advanced ages, he when eighty-six years old, and she at the age of eighty-two. They had four children who lived to maturity, Alexander, Edward, Frederick and Mary A.

To Samuel L. and Mary A. Kolp were born ten children, an equal number of boys and girls, namely: Alvin A., who is editor of the Ft. Recovery Journal; Charlotte A., the wife of Frank Denison, of Union City, Ind.; Judge James B., the immediate subject of this review; Howard S., assistant cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Greenville; Mary Ella, deceased, who was the wife of William H. Grapes; Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas H. O'Brien of Columbus, Ohio; Charles G., deceased; Frances Belle, wife of Charles H. Beedle of Providence, Rhode Island; Lucy Estelle, wife of Morton Grinnell of Yellow Springs, Ohio; Herbert S. of Union City, Ind.

James B. Kolp was reared to manhood in Greenville, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching school and followed that vocation for ten years. He then went into the probate office as deputy probate clerk under his father and also for a time served in a similar capacity under Judge L. C. Anderson. The subject then moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he lived about ten years, being employed as credit man for a large wholesale house. He then returned to Greenville and again served as deputy probate clerk under Judge Donovan Robeson. He had thus become thoroughly familiar with the duties of the probate court and had won an enviable reputation through the county as a man of ability and inflexible integrity, and in 1908 he was elected judge of the probate court and in 1912 was elected to succeed himself, being the present incumbent of that office.

The duties of the judge of the probate court are numerous and responsible and require a high sense of fairness and justice to administer equitably to all parties. Judge Kolp has so handled the affairs of his court as to win the universal approbation of all who have had dealings with him or in his court and his standing in the community has been greatly enhanced since assuming his present position.

On the 20th of October, 1887, Judge Kolp was united in marriage with Ida A. Emrick, the daughter of David L. and Mary A. (Roberts) Emrick, the former of whom was born in Ohio, while her mother was a native of Kentucky. They lived in Greenville for many years, Mr. Emrick following the business of a druggist. He died when sixty-two years old, being survived by his widow, who still lives in Greenville. Of the four children born to them, Mrs. Kolp is the only one now living. She was born in Cincinnati and received a good practical public school education. To Judge and Mrs. Kolp have been born the following children, twins: Robert Emrick, who died at the age of thirteen months, and Mary Virginia, who is a graduate of St. Mary's College, at Shepard, Ohio.

Politically, Judge Kolp gives his support to the Democratic party and is deeply interested in public affairs. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously, the judge and his wife are earnest members of the Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. The Judge's career has been characterized by an inflexible integrity of purpose and he has ever commanded the fullest measure of esteem in the community which has been honored by his citizenship. Personally, he is a genial and companionable gentleman, whose characteristics are such as readily win friendship, and she is deservedly popular in the circles in which he moves.

COL. WILLIAM D. RUSH.

The record of Colonel Rush is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of prominence and influence in the business world. His life has been characterized by unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won for him the un-

bounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Greenville and Darke county.

William D. Rush is a native of Darke county, Ohio, having first seen the light of day in Greenville township. He is the son of Lemuel and Evelyn (Devor) Rush, both of whom also were born in Darke county. Of their three children, the subject of this sketch is the only one now living. William D. Rush is descended from a long line of paternal ancestors, his paternal great-grandfather having been William Henry Rush. Among the latter's children was William, the subject's grandfather, who married Sarah Thompson. They were both natives of Pennsylvania and became pioneer settlers of Darke county, Ohio, William Rush was prospered in his material affairs and became the owner of several valuable farms. His permanent home was in Greenville township, where he became a prominent factor in the growth and development of the early settlement. He died at the age of sixty-six years and his wife was sixty-three years old at the time of her death. They became the parents of ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, namely: Thompson, Henry, Lemuel, Catharine, Rachel, Sarah, Eliza, Mary and two sons who died early in life. Of these, Lemuel was reared in Darke county and became a successful farmer in Greenville township. At the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company I, Ninety-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served nearly two years, attaining to the rank of a corporal. He died in the service in a hospital at Nashville, Tenn., in 1863, at the early age of twenty-three years. His wife died the week following, at the age of twenty-one years. Both were members of the Christian church. Colonel Rush's maternal grandfather, James Devor, married Patience Dean, and they became the parents of ten children.

William D. Rush was reared in his native county, which has always been his home. His education was received in the district schools and in the public schools of Greenville. Owing to the untimely deaths of both his parents he was left an orphan at a tender age, and was then reared by his grandparents until ten or twelve years of age, when, owing to their deaths, he went to live with A. Harless and Sarah Harless, an uncle and aunt, on a farm. There, as soon as old enough, he assisted in the farm work and there imbibed those lessons of industry and perseverance which have characterized his subsequent life. About 1878 Mr. Rush came to Greenville and

embarked in the real estate and life insurance business, in which he met with pronounced success and to which he devoted his attention until 1900, when he became one of the organizers of the Greenville Home Telephone Company, which is generally recognized as one of the best telephone companies in the State, and of which he was made secretary and general manager. That the choice was a wise one has been abundantly verified in the subsequent history of this company, which has been a most successful one in every respect, much of this success being due to the energy, sound judgment and business ability of Mr. Rush. He is also general manager, secretary and treasurer of the Union City Telephone Company, another successful and popular concern. In everything affecting the civic and commercial prosperity of Greenville, Mr. Rush has taken a deep interest and his support is unreservedly given to every beneficent movement for the public welfare. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Children's Home, and is now president of the board.

In 1890 Colonel Rush was united in marriage with Mary Lynch, who was born in Greenville, the daughter of Dr. Elijah and Mary (O'Brien) Lynch, who were natives, respectively, of Waynesville, Ohio, and Vermont. Dr. Elijah Lynch was numbered among the early settlers of Darke county and became a prominent and well-known citizen of the county. He and his wife are both dead. Mrs. Rush's paternal grandparents, Isaiah and Charity (Hasket) Lynch, were natives of England. Her maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Holmes) O'Brien, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England.

To Colonel and Mrs. Rush was born a son, Hasket L. He took a three years' course in the Miami Valley Military Institute of Ohio, and was also a student in the University of Florida, at Gainesville. He married a Miss Richardson and they now live in Gainesville, Florida.

Fraternally, Colonel Rush is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the Greenville blue lodge and to the chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of Greenville Lodge No. 1139, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically, he is aligned with the Republican party, in the interest of which he has taken a prominent and active part, having been a delegate to State conventions of his party and having served several years as a member of the Republican State Executive Committee. At Greenville he is a member

of the board of public safety. Honorable and upright in all the relations of life, with due regard for the ties of friendship and the duties of citizenship, he has commanded uniform confidence and respect and has a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

GEORGE FARRAR TAYLOR.

It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an active and busy life and who has attained a position of relative distinction in the community with which his interests are allied. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such a life history. It is, then, with an appreciation of these requirements and yet with a feeling of satisfaction, that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as has been that of the honored subject whose life now comes under review.

George Farrar Taylor was born in Greenville, Ohio, on June 12, 1868, and is the son of John B. and Martha (Farrar) Taylor, the former of whom was a native of Lancashire, England. These parents became early settlers of Greenville, where Mr. Taylor became prominent in business and industrial circles, being the owner of the car shops of Taylor & Brother, which for many years was a well-known manufacturing concern here. However, he suffered a paralytic stroke, from the effects of which he died a few years later. His wife, who survived him, is also deceased. In their religious faith they were Episcopalians and were folk of sterling character and strictest integrity of word and action. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Virginia, now the widow of Henry Amann; Nellie, the widow of Harry Lawton; Gertrude, the wife of M. P. Simison of Richmond, Ind.; Clarence, of San Francisco, Cal.; Robert, of Seattle, Wash.; Morris, who is manager for the Standard Oil Company at Greenville; George F., of Greenville; Sadie, who is bookkeeper and stenographer for the Kuntz & Wright Lumber Company; Maude, wife of George M. McClure, of Sidney, Ohio.

George F. Taylor was reared in Greenville, and is indebted to the public schools of this city for his education. At the early age of about twelve years he began earning money for himself by collecting and sending laundry to Dayton, in which he

was successful and in which minor business affair he secured some insight into business methods. In 1885 he began driving a grocery wagon for Barnhard Blottman, with whom he remained about five and a half years, when his employer sold out to C. C. Stoltz Company, with whom he remained, as he did also with their successors, Lockwood & Company, and later Lockwood, Parsons & Gott, Mr. Taylor remaining in that business about sixteen consecutive years. He then went to Marion, Ohio, and was employed in the wholesale establishment of C. C. Stoltz for about a year and a half. Returning then to Greenville, he soon afterwards went to Cincinnati and engaged in the hotel and restaurant business, but in 1903 he again returned to Greenville and entered the employ of the Ross Supply Company in the capacity of shipping clerk. He was faithful to the duties assigned him, gained the confidence of the firm and, as opportunity offered he was promoted from time to time until in 1908, he became secretary and treasurer of the company, which positions he holds today, enjoying to a marked degree the confidence and good will of his business associates, but also the respect and esteem of all who have business dealings with him. The Ross Supply Company was established in Greenville in 1903 by J. H. A. Ross and Peter Verneer, who ran the business as partners about two years, when they sold their interests to the Ross Supply Company. The latter company was incorporated with a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars, but so rapidly has the business grown that it has become necessary to enlarge the capital stock, until today it stands at one hundred and ninety thousand dollars. This concern manufactures all kinds of stoves, pumps, plumbers' supplies, street castings, etc., and do a general business in plumbing and heating supplies. The present officers of the company are as follows: President, C. E. Breaden; vice-president, Chas. J. Herr, of the P. Kuntz & Wright Lumber Company, and secretary and treasurer, George F. Taylor. Their business extends through a number of the neighboring States and their goods are also shipped to Europe. They manufacture a high grade of goods and have gained an enviable reputation in the trade. They employ between fifty and seventy people.

On the 4th day of November, 1897, George F. Taylor was married to May Summerville, who was born in Greenville, Ohio, the daughter of James and Emaline (Holt) Summerville, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New Jersey. Her father is now deceased, and is survived by

his widow, who now lives in Greenville. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Taylor is the only one now living.

Politically, Mr. Taylor is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, but has no aspirations in the way of office holding or public preferment. Fraternally, he is a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, Free and Accepted Masons. Religiously he and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the board of stewards. One of the strongest facts in Mr. Taylors favor is that his warmest friends are among those who have known him from boyhood. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, and his loyalty to truth and the right are among his strongest characteristics, so that he has honestly earned the high standing which he has long enjoyed in this community.

CONRAD KIPP.

One of the most prominent facts in relation to the national population statistics is the remarkably large number of people of Germanic descent now living in the United States, there being today more Germanic blood here than any other. This being the case, it is easy to account for the prosperity and morality of the country. Germany is famous the world over for the industry, patience, intelligence, morality and sturdiness of its citizens. These qualities have been brought to this country by the immigrants and are now part and parcel of our wonderful nation—its progress in domestic economy, its advancement in every branch of material improvement and its love of country and home. Among the well-known citizens of Germanic descent now living in Greenville, Ohio, none occupies today a more conspicuous place than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article, than whom none occupies a higher place in the confidence and esteem of the people at large.

Conrad Kipp, who, until August 1, 1913, was a successful druggist and president of the Farmers' National Bank of Greenville, was born in the city which is now honored by his citizenship on September 23, 1860, and is the son of William and Barbara (Reich) Kipp, both of whom were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. The subject's paternal grandfather,

Statual Heis Kipp, was a prominent officer in Rosenfeld, Germany, and he and his wife both died in that country when well along in years. They had a large family of children, namely: Charles, Conrad, Wiliam, Edelheidt, August, Henry, John and Adam. Of these, William was reared in his native country, and educated in the excellent schools there, after which he learned the trade of a fancy baker. About 1856 he came to the United States, locating first in Cincinnati. Eventually he came to Greenville, where he was first employed as a barber. Subsequently he engaged in the drug business in partnership with Conrad Schaible, with which enterprise he was actively identified until 1887, when he sold his interests to his sons, Conrad and Charles A. He died in 1905, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife died in October, 1902. Both were earnest members of the Lutheran church. His wife, Barbara, was a daughter of Michael Reich, a native of Germany, and who, together with his wife, died in his native land. He was a shoemaker by trade, and lived to an advanced age. Among the children born to him and his wife were John, William, Catherine, Mary and Barbara. To William and Barbara Kipp were born these children: Emma, the widow of Jacob Martina, of Pulmona, Wash.; Conrad, the immediate subject of this review; Bertha, of Greenville, Ohio; Charles A., who died on October 12, 1909; William R., of Wallace, Idaho; Edward, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and two, Augustus and Tillie, who died in childhood.

Conrad Kipp was reared under the parental roof in Greenville, securing a good practical education in the public schools. He then entered his father's drug store as clerk, and while so employed gave serious study to pharmacy, in which he became an expert. In 1887, as mentioned above, he and his brother, Charles A., bought their father's interest in the business, the brother remaining connected with the business up to the time of his death, since which time the subject has conducted the business. He has been very successful in this line, having given careful attention to the wants of the public, which he has endeavored to supply, carrying a large and well selected line of drugs and druggist's sundries and treating his patrons with that courtesy and attention which always create a favorable impression and beget friendships. Mr. Kipp has been prospered in his financial affairs and is a stockholder and a director of the Greenville Home Telephone Company, president of the Union City Telephone Company, while since the

death of Henry St. Clair he has been president of the Farmers National Bank, one of the solid and influential monetary institutions of Darke county. In many other local enterprises Mr. Kipp is interested and he has been an important factor in advancing the business interests of this thriving city.

On October 8, 1885, Conrad Kipp was united in marriage with Laura Mearick, daughter of William and Samria (Finney) Mearick. These parents were for a number of years residents of Union City, later coming to Greenville, where they both died. They had five children, William, George, Mattie, Nannie and Laura.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Kipp are members of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Kipp is a member of the vestry. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with the Greenville blue lodge No. 143; Greenville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Reed Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, and to Antioch Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically, Mr. Kipp has always given his support to the Republican party, and has rendered effective service as a member of the city council, in which he has served two terms. Mr. Kipp is held to be one of the ablest business men of the county and is held in the highest regard by all who know him. He is essentially public spirited in his attitude toward every movement having for its object the advancement of the best interests of the people and by a life of right living he has honestly earned the enviable standing he enjoys among his fellows.

HONORABLE ORLA E. HARRISON.

Former Senator Harrison is known throughout the country because of his work as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, in which position he made an honorable record and scored numerous successes for the government.

He belongs to one of the older families of Darke county and is now senior member of the law firm of Harrison & Allread, who have offices in the New Hayden building, Columbus, Ohio.



C. E. Harrison



Mr. Harrison was born in German township, Darke county, February 8, 1873, being the youngest child of George W. and Mary (Rupe) Harrison.

George W. Harrison was born in Darke county August 31, 1842, and was the son of James and Hannah (Bowen) Harrison. James Harrison was born in Kentucky and his wife in Greene county, Ohio. Their parents located in the vicinity of Bethel, Ind., just across the state line and the young couple settled in Darke county about the time of their marriage in 1832. They located on a farm in German township and there their children were born. They purchased land in the southwest corner of the township and at the intersecting point of three counties. It is said that by walking around a stump which stood near their house, one walked through the corners of Darke county, in Ohio, and Randolph and Wayne counties, Indiana, thus passing through two states, three counties and four townships. James Harrison subsequently purchased land in the adjoining township of Harrison in Darke county but retained the ownership of the original farm. He became one of the largest landholders in his part of the county and was identified with every public enterprise of his time. Both he and his wife were charter members of the Christian church at Hollansburg, Ohio, and he helped to erect the church edifice. They were zealous workers in the cause and their home was the stopping place for ministers who came to the neighborhood to preach. James Harrison died at the age of about fifty-one years as the result of a kick by a horse, but his widow lived to the age of ninety, passing away at the home of her daughter in Union City, Indiana, where she had been residing. This family made a pioneer home and were active in all movements for the good of their community. They reared a fine family and left an honorable name in the county they had chosen for their residence.

George W. Harrison grew to manhood on the home farm. He served his country in the war for the preservation of the Union, enlisting in Company G, 44th Ohio volunteer infantry in 1861. His marriage to Mary Rupe took place just before he left for the front. He took part in the battle of Lewisburg and also a number of minor skirmishes in Virginia, but was taken sick and sent to a hospital. He was given an honorable discharge and his young wife went to Virginia to bring him home. After his return from the war and the recovery of his health, he engaged in the mercantile business, conduct-

ing a general store at Palestine and Tampico, German township and still later at Union City, Indiana. He later moved to Illinois and bought land near Centralia, but the climate did not agree with him, as ague was prevalent in southern Illinois at that time and Mr. Harrison remained there only a few years and then returned to Ohio. He was a democrat in politics and was prominent in local affairs, serving as mayor of Hollansburg several years and as postmaster at that place. Mrs. George W. Harrison passed away in 1908, mourned by a large circle of friends. They had six children, of whom three died in infancy and three survived. The eldest daughter, Della, married John P. Gilbert and they live in Greenville. They have two children living, Mrs. Ruby (Gilbert) Willoughby, who lives in Chicago and Roland, a student at Columbus. The other daughter, Ida, married Thomas C. Pitsenberger and they live in Columbus and have two sons, one of whom, Herbert, is a wireless operator on a vessel sailing the Gulf of Mexico; the other son, Lowell, is a student at Columbus. The third surviving child of Mr. George W. and Mary Harrison is the subject of this sketch.

In boyhood Orla E. Harrison attended the village school at Hollansburg and later attended the Greenville high school, graduating with the class of 1892. He then took a course at the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He began his career as a teacher, first in a country school, later at Hollansburg, and then as principal of the high school at Franklin, Warren county, for two years. While yet a student in high school, Mr. Harrison chose the law as his future profession and began reading under the direction of Judge James I. Allread. In 1897, while engaged in teaching he was admitted to the bar and began to practice in 1899 with his former instructor, Judge Allread, who was associated at that time with Judge Teegarden, the new firm being known as Allread, Teegarden and Harrison.

Mr. Harrison became prominent in public affairs when he was chosen as secretary of the Darke County Agricultural Society, and became well known throughout the county because of his work in that capacity. Although his father was a democrat, he became a republican before he cast his first presidential ballot in 1896 and during that campaign made many public speeches in Ohio and Indiana.

In 1901 he was elected State Senator from the Twelfth Dis-

trict, comprised of the counties of Darke, Shelby and Miami, and was re-elected in 1903. At the time of his election he was the youngest senator of the state and is the only republican ever elected to that position from Darke county. During his term he was secretary of the senate committee on taxation, in which position he helped frame a series of measures for the taxation of corporations. He was also chairman of the committee on county affairs and a member of the judiciary committee and several others. During his second term he was chairman of the committee on schools and at that time introduced what is known as the Harrison School Code and the Harrison Library Code.

In 1906 he was appointed by Wade H. Ellis, Attorney-General of the State, as special counsel and thereupon moved to the state capital at Columbus. Here he achieved a wide reputation, serving during the administration of Ellis and of his successor, U. G. Denman. The principal cases in which he participated were suits under the anti-trust law of the state, especially the actions against the bridge trust, the plumbers' trust and the Standard Oil Company. The esteem and confidence reposed in him by the highest court of the state is shown by his appointment by that court as a member of the committee to examine students for admission to the bar. He served in this capacity for several years, having been elected secretary of the committee.

In April, 1909, Mr. Harrison was appointed special assistant to the United States Attorney-General, George W. Wickersham. He thereupon resigned his state position and moved to the capital of the United States. His work in interstate commerce cases soon attracted attention and in 1911 he was detailed to take charge of certain litigation against several coal carrying railroads. This necessitated his removal from Washington to Cleveland, where he resided until June, 1912, when he located in Columbus because of various suits pending in that jurisdiction. Among the famous prosecutions in which he took part were those of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association; the National Cash Register Company, in which twenty-nine men were convicted; the coal carrying roads and the wall paper trust. These cases in which Senator Harrison was a conspicuous figure attracted national attention. He was one of the youngest attorneys associated with work of this character and one of the most fearless, well earning his title as "trust buster" by the work he accomplished. He

tendered his resignation in March, 1913, but it was not accepted. Desiring to devote himself to private practice he asked to be relieved from further duty on January 1, 1914, and his resignation was accepted by Attorney-General McReynolds, with whom he served during a part of the Wilson administration.

While teaching at Franklin, Ohio, Mr. Harrison was married December 28, 1898, to Miss Virginia Eidson, a native of Greenville, Ohio, and graduate of the Greenville high school with the class of 1894, and daughter of Frank M. and Luccetta (Kiestler) Eidson. Three children have blessed this union: Eidson E., born at Franklin in October, 1899, now a student in the eighth grade in the Columbus public school; Ellis B., born in Greenville August 4, 1905; Barbara Lou, born in Cleveland November 5, 1911. The family have a pleasant home at 960 Bryden Road, Columbus, and are active in various social and fraternal circles.

When about twenty years old Mr. Harrison became a member of the Christian church at Hollansburg, of which his grandfather was a charter member as above mentioned. In 1909 he became a member of the Masonic order in Greenville and has taken the chapter degree. He has served in the chief offices of the Knights of Pythias and belongs to the Elks. He joined the Sons of Veterans' order in Cleveland, the lodge at Greenville having been disbanded. Mr. Harrison is known to be a man of upright principles and high ideals and has given a great deal of thought to all the matters of the day, more especially as they affect the welfare of the state and nation. He has a high reputation in his profession and is considered one of the leading members of the Columbus bar.

AARON C. BRANDON, ESQ.

Darke county, Ohio, enjoys a high reputation because of the high order of her citizenship, and none of her citizens occupies a more enviable position in the esteem of his fellows than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. A life-long residence here has given his fellows a full opportunity to observe him in all the lines of activity in which he has engaged and his present high standing is due solely to the honorable and upright course he has pursued.

As a leading citizen of his community he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of this character.

Aaron C. Brandon, the well known lawyer and justice of the peace of Greenville, was born in Richland township, this county, on the 20th of April, 1859, and is the son of Alexander B. and Anna (Shafer) Brandon. Alexander Brandon was born in Darke county, Ohio, and was reared to the life of a farmer. Though born in Wayne township, he spent most of his life in Richland township, where he and his wife became the owners of a fine farm of 213 acres, where they made their permanent family home and reared their children. There they both died, the father on May 2, 1882, aged about sixty-three years, and the mother on December 17, 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years. They were members of the Christian church, he being one of the charter members of the society at Greenville. They were the parents of ten children, namely: John T., who died while a soldier in the Civil war, when not quite seventeen years of age; Riley M., of Richland township, this county; Job M., deceased; Dorothy A., wife of Nathaniel P. Kershner, of Ansonia, Ohio; Eugene, of Brown township, this county; Aaron C., the immediate subject of this sketch; James Franklin, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Noah W., of Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Arthur M., of Beamsville, Ohio, and Retha B., wife of Clifford Thomas, of near Shepherd, Michigan.

Mr. Brandon is an enthusiastic student of the Bible, is a graduate of Professor Watkins, now of Palmer College, Missouri. Mr. Brandon now has a large class made up of different denominations.

The father of Alexander Brandon was James M. Brandon, a native of Virginia, who came to Darke county in young manhood and here married Anna Hole, a native of this county. Here James M. Brandon followed farming, in which he was successful, accumulating considerable land, but later he engaged in the milling business, in which venture he lost practically all he had accumulated. His wife died when past fifty years of age, and he survived her many years, dying at the age of eighty-four years. Their thirteen children were named as follows: Zachariah, Alexander B., Aaron C., Thomas A. (a Christian preacher), Elizabeth, Rhoda, Lucretia, Hannah, James, Eusebia, and three who died young. James lost his life while in the army during the Civil war.

Anna Shafer who became the wife of Alexander B. Brandon, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and was the

daughter of John and Dorothy (Mann) Shafer, who also were natives of the old Keystone state, and who became early settlers in Darke county, becoming successful farming folk in Richland township. There their deaths occurred when they were well advanced in years. They had four children, two of whom died young, the others being Job and Anna.

Aaron C. Brandon was reared on his father's farm in Richland township, securing his education in the district and public schools. Remaining with his father until twenty-two years of age, he then began working out by the month at farm labor. He then attended the Lebanon Normal School for two terms, after which he taught school one winter. He then married and for a time gave his attention to farming. During this period he had entertained an ambition to enter the practice of law and to that end he was devoting his leisure time to the serious study of that science. In December, 1886, Mr. Brandon was admitted to the bar, and later located at Greenville where he entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he has engaged continuously since. He was city attorney of Greenville for two terms and has in other ways received definite recognition on the part of his fellow citizens. As a justice of the peace he has achieved a splendid record, his decisions being characterized by a high sense of fairness, and few of his decisions have been reversed by the higher court. He has been a busy man through the years, has been connected with much of the most important litigation tried in the local courts, and has won the respect of his professional brethren, as well as the confidence of the general public. Careful and painstaking in the handling of all matters entrusted to him, he has ever had the best interests of his clients at heart, and has frequently been instrumental in bringing about peaceful solutions of difficulties without resorting to the courts, even though it has sometimes meant the loss of professional fees.

On the 17th of January, 1884, Aaron C. Brandon was married to Ida M. Coppes, who was born on January 13, 1864, in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob P. and Clarissa (Plessinger) Coppes. Her parents were natives of Ohio, and had five children who lived to mature years: Willard, Ida M., Ella, J. C. W. and Floy, and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Brandon's paternal grandfather, John Coppes, was a native of North Carolina, where he married and he and his wife became early settlers of Richland township,

Darke county, Ohio. They reared a large family, all of whom were sons. Mrs. Brandon's maternal grandfather was David Plessinger, whose wife's family name was John. They were both born in Pennsylvania, and they too became early settlers of Darke county, where they died. Among their children were the following: William, Clarissa, Emaline, Serena, Samson, Jacob and Warren.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brandon have been born the following children: Ray, who is an electrician at Greenville, married Edith Hoover, of Union City, and they have three children, Keith, Richard and Helen; Algie, who is a horseman, lives at home with his parents; Bonnie who also lives at home, is a member of the senior class in Defiance College; Zeno, who lives in Greenville, married Elsie Collins. They have one child, Hester.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon are earnest members of the Christian church, of which Mr. Brandon is the clerk. Fraternally, he is a member of Champion Lodge No. 742, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a Forester. Politically, Mr. Brandon is an independent Democrat and casts his vote and influence in favor of the Democratic party. In the civic life of the community he has for many years been an important factor in the conservation of all that goes to the betterment of those about him and the elevation of the standard of life. He is genial and unassuming and is deservedly popular in the circles in which he moves.

ANDREW WILSON RUSH, M. D.

The physician who would succeed in his profession must possess many qualities of head and heart not included in the curriculum of the schools and colleges he may have attended. In analyzing the career of the successful practitioner of the healing art it will invariably be found to be true that a broad-minded sympathy with the sick and suffering and an honest, earnest desire to aid his afflicted fellow men have gone hand in hand with skill and able judgment. The gentleman to whom this brief tribute is given fortunately embodies these necessary qualifications in a marked degree and by energy and application to his professional duties has built up an enviable reputa-

tion and drawn to himself a large and remunerative patronage.

Andrew Wilson Rush was born on a farm near New Madison, Darke county, Ohio, on May 12, 1860, and is a son of Harvey and Lillie Porter (Wilson) Rush, who also were natives of this State. They were the parents of six children, namely: Ella, deceased, was the wife of Thomas J. Leinbach; Olive is a school teacher at Wyoming, a suburb of Cincinnati; Alice S. is a public school teacher at Rock Island, Ill.; the subject of this sketch is next in order of birth; Carrie is a teacher in the schools of Greenville; William Harvey is deceased. Harvey Rush, the father of these children, was born and reared in Darke county, and upon attaining manhood he bought a farm in Harrison township, west of New Madison, where he owned two hundred and forty acres, which he improved and to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for many years. He then sold that place and bought a farm close by, known as the Wilson place, remaining there until the spring of 1887, when he retired from active pursuits and moved to Greenville, where his death occurred on November 25, 1896, in the seventieth year of his age. His widow, who is still living, is eighty-four years of age. Harvey Rush was reared in the Universalist faith, and his widow is a Presbyterian. He was prominent in the public affairs of the localities where he lived, holding the offices of township treasurer and school director. He took an especial interest in educational matters and in those days in his district Latin and the higher mathematics were taught in the schools. Asa Rush, the subject's paternal grandfather, was a native of Ohio, and he married Margaret Hill, who was born in Carolina, before the division of that State. He successfully operated a farm in Harrison township, Darke county, Ohio, and died there, in 1875, aged seventy-seven years, and she at the age of sixty years. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, who became the wife of George D. Miller; Harvey, father of the subject; Nancy, who was the wife of William Smelker; Emily, who married ex-Sheriff N. M. Wilson, and two sons, Anderson and William, who died in young manhood, unmarried. The father of Asa Rush was Peter Rush, who, in 1808, came to Darke county from Marietta, Ohio. He was a native of Pennsylvania and was of German descent. His wife's maiden name was Slaughter. He was a member of the first grand jury in Darke county. He was a farmer, having taken up a tract of

government land, and died before he moved upon it. The subject's maternal grandparents were Andrew Porter Wilson and Sarah (Allen) Wilson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Andrew P. Wilson was born near Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, but later the family moved to Darke county and bought a farm in Harrison township, which Doctor Rush's mother still owns, and there they spent the rest of their days, he dying at the age of fifty years and she at seventy-seven years. They reared a large family, as follows: Lilly P., Nathaniel McClure, Augustus E., Elihu C., Jane (who became the wife of Amen Plowman), Alice (who married Milton Brown), Andrew Porter, and Julia, who married Nethicus Early. The subject's maternal great-grandfather, Andrew Wilson, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a native of Ireland, being brought to this country when but four years of age by his parents, who settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where he grew to manhood, and where he married Lillie Porter. He and his wife came to Butler county, Ohio, settling four miles from Hamilton, where they both died. Andrew Wilson was a son of John Wilson, who was a member of the historic Committee of Safety prior to the war of the Revolution. The Wilsons were of Scotch-Irish stock and were Presbyterians in their religious faith.

Andrew Wilson Rush has spent his entire life in Darke county, excepting a brief period in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was reared on his father's farm, and in his boyhood attended the district schools. He later attended the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind., prior to which he had taught several terms of school. After leaving the normal school he took up the study of medicine and then matriculated in the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1884, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He went at once to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where for two years he was engaged in the practice of his profession, but at the end of that period he returned to Greenville and has practiced here continuously since. He has been remarkably successful as a practitioner of the healing art, having successfully handled many difficult cases both in the realm of materia medica and surgery, in both of which fields he is competent and trustworthy. Wisely conservative, and yet keeping in close and constant touch with latest advances in his science, he has for many years enjoyed to a notable degree the absolute confidence of his patrons and the respect and esteem of his pro-

fessional colleagues. He is a member of the Darke County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 28th day of June, 1892, Doctor Rush was united in marriage with Ora Porter, the daughter of John and Lizzie (Spayd) Porter. She died on May 18, 1893, less than a year after marriage, and on the 16th of October, 1901, the Doctor married Laura Belle Ditman, who was born in Centerville, Ind., on December 1, 1867, the daughter of John A. and Sarah A. (Slaughenhaupt) Ditman. To this union have been born three children, Harvey Ditman, John Andrew and William Willard. Mrs. Rush is a member of St. Paul's Reformed church. Politically, Doctor Rush is a Democrat, but his professional duties have precluded his taking a very active part in public affairs, his only official service being as coroner of the county, in which he served a term a number of years ago.

John A. and Sarah A. Ditman, parents of Mrs. Rush, were natives, respectively of Germany and Carroll county, Maryland and were early settlers of Richmond, Ind. Later they moved to Bradford, Darke county, and in 1877 became residents of Greenville, where the father died in May, 1889, aged fifty-two years. The mother, who was born in 1840, is still living here. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, wife of H. T. Miller, of Kenton, Ohio; Gertrude, unmarried, of Greenville; Inez, unmarried, of Greenville; Laura Belle, Mrs. Rush; John Willard, of Kenton, Ohio, and Maude, the wife of Guy Baker, of Greenville. The father of Mrs. Rush was a tailor by trade and came to America with his parents when but two years old. Mrs. Rush's paternal grandparents were natives of Germany, who were farmers in Maryland, where their deaths occurred. They were the parents of sixteen children. Mrs. Rush's maternal grandfather Slaughenhaupt, who married Louise DeHoff, was a native of Maryland, as was his wife, and there they died, after rearing eleven children. It is related of Doctor Rush's maternal great-grandmother Allen's maiden name was Smith, her father marrying a Miss Schlaughter. Smith's name was originally Bridge, but he ran away from home in young manhood and joined the American forces in the Revolutionary war. There were ten brothers of these Smiths, all of whom were over six feet tall, and they were familiarly known as the "sixty feet of Smith." Miss Alice Rush, the doctor's sister, is a member of that exclusive society, the Daughters of the American Revolution,

to which her sisters are eligible, and the doctor is eligible to the Sons of the Revolution.

Doctor Rush's ability as a physician and surgeon is widely recognized, and a mind well disciplined by severe professional training, together with a natural aptitude for close investigation and critical research, have peculiarly fitted him for the calling in which he is engaged. He possesses the tact and happy faculty of inspiring confidence on the part of his patients and in the sick room his genial presence and conscious ability to cope successfully with disease under treatment are factors that have contributed much to the enviable standing which he has attained.

Mrs. Rush is a graduate of the public and high school of Greenville, and was a teacher in the public schools of Greenville for twelve years.

GEORGE W. PORTER.

It is a well attested maxim that the greatness of a country lies not in the machinery of government nor even in its institutions, but rather in the sterling qualities of the individual citizen, in his capacity for high and unselfish effort and his devotion to the public welfare. In these particulars, those who have borne the above name have conferred honor and dignity upon their county and State, and as an elemental part of history we are pleased to record a sketch of a leading representative of the family, with the object in view of noting his connection with the advancement of one of the most flourishing and progressive parts of the commonwealth and affording an example worthy of emulation by the young men whose life work is largely a matter of the future.

George W. Porter was born in the city which is now honored by his citizenship, his natal day being February 29, 1876, and he is the son of John A. and Anna (Spayd) Porter, both of whom also were natives of Ohio. He is one of three children born to these parents, others being Ora, deceased, George W., the subject of this sketch, and Miss Catharine, of Greenville, a graduate of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston. The father of these children was reared in Greenville, secured his elemental education in the public schools, and then entered Wesleyan University at Delaware, this State, where he was

graduated. He ran a tannery in Greenville about thirty years, then for a number of years was a commercial traveler. He then went to Swift Current, Canada, where for a time he was engaged in farming, but eventually he returned to Greenville, where his death occurred on May 21, 1912, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife was a graduate of Cooper Institute, Dayton, and she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Porter was for ninety days a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war.

The paternal grandparents of the subject were John A. and Sarah (Mullendore) Porter, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. They became early settlers in Darke county, Ohio, and in Greenville he too engaged in the business of tanning. He died here at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife many years before him, at the age of about forty years. They had the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Mrs. Catharine Lucas, Mrs. Jane Winner, Mrs. Laura Sullivan, Jacob, Nathaniel, and John A.

On the maternal side the subject of this sketch is descended from Michael Spayd, who was a native of Pennsylvania, as was his wife. At an early day they located in Greenville, Ohio, where he successfully practiced law for many years, his death occurring in 1878, at the age of about sixty years. His wife died some years before. They had two children, Anna, mother of the subject, and a son.

George W. Porter has been a life-long resident of Greenville, and here received a good practical education in the public schools, being graduated from high school in 1894. He then commenced the study of law in the office and under the direction of Judge Henry M. Cole, and in 1897 was admitted to the Darke county bar. That same year he entered upon the active practice, in which he has engaged continuously since, and in which he has achieved the most eminent success. Well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence and with a natural aptitude for his profession, he has long been considered one of the most talented and forceful members of the local bar, having been prominently connected with much of the legal business transacted in the Darke county court, as well as being called into the courts of other counties. Courteous to court and opposing counsel under all circumstances, still he is an opponent to be feared in a legal contest and he has been eminently successful in the practice.

On the 10th of June, 1913, Mr. Porter was married to Jane

Lecklider, the daughter of Frank and Catherine (Dubois) Lecklider. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are earnest and faithful members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, Mr. Porter is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but is not an aspirant for public office of any nature. He maintains an abiding interest in everything that affects the welfare of the community in which he lives and to a notable degree enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

CHARLES F. RYAN, M. D.

The world has little use for the misanthrope. The universal brotherhood is widely recognized, as is also the truth that he serves God best who serves his fellow men. There is no profession or line of business which calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession and the most successful physician is he who, through love of his fellow men gives his time and earnest attention to the relief of human suffering. The successful physician is bound to make friends wherever he is known and will retain the respect and esteem of all classes of people. Among the scholarly and successful doctors in Darke county none has attained to a higher standing in his profession than he whose name initiates this paragraph and, because of his earnest life and high attainments, he is clearly entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

Dr. Charles F. Ryan, of Versailles, was born in Adams township, this county, on the 2d day of March, 1855, and is the son of Joseph J. and Susan (Kinney) Ryan. His father was born in London, England, and his mother was born at Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor, the others being Edmund, John and Mary, last named dying in infancy. Joseph J. Ryan was reared in the English metropolis, securing his education in the public schools. His first employment was as a clerk in the largest woollen goods establishment of that city. In 1849 he emigrated to the United States, and for two years stopped at Yellow Springs, Ohio. He then came to Adams township, Darke county, where for several years he engaged in teaching school. Having accumulated some means, he invested in a small farm, which he later

sold and bought another one of fifty-three acres, to which he first added ninety-three acres, and still later another tract of seventy-seven acres. To the improvement and cultivation of these farms he gave his attention, but eventually he moved to Webster and engaged in literary work, living there until within six months of his death, when he came to Versailles and made his home with his son, the subject of this sketch, his death occurring on May 16, 1907, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died the same day, about five hours later, aged eighty-four years. Both were Methodists in their religious belief and were earnest in their observance of the spiritual verities. Joseph J. Ryan was a man of marked intellectual attainments, whose capabilities were generally recognized. He rendered efficient and appreciated service as justice of the peace, assessor, and as a member of the state board of equalization. He was a constant student, having profound and accurate knowledge on a wide range of subjects, and was especially interested in educational matters.

Doctor Ryan's paternal grandfather Ryan spent his entire life and died in England. His wife's maiden name was Mary Wilson. He was a gardener by vocation and was a man of good character and commanded general respect. To him and his wife were born five children, Edmund, Charles, Ralph, Joseph J. and a daughter who died young.

On the maternal side, the subject's grandparents were Peter and Jane Kinney, who were farming folk and early settlers in Greene county, Ohio, where both died when well advanced in years. Their children, six in number, were named David, Mathias, Robert, Frank, Susan and Margaret.

Charles F. Ryan spent his early years on his father's farm in Adams township, securing his elementary education in the district school. That particular school was one of the best in the county, being graded, and it is believed to have turned out more teachers than any of the city schools of the county. After completing his public school course, Mr. Ryan taught school for several terms, but, having determined to take up the practice of medicine, he began the study of that science at Gettysburg, under the direction of Dr. J. A. Cample. Later he matriculated in the Medical College of Ohio, where he was graduated on March 2, 1885, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately established himself in the practice at Gettysburg, and attained splendid success. In 1895 he came to Versailles, where he has practiced continuously since.

On March 24, 1878, Doctor Ryan was united in marriage with Emma Peck, daughter of Lucius and Elizabeth (Vore) Peck, and to this union was born a son, Earl Hurst Ryan. The latter is a graduate in pharmacy at the university at Ada, Ohio, and also took the scientific course in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He then clerked in drug stores for several years, but, having decided to follow in his father's footsteps, he is now attending the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio. He married Jennie Murphy and they have a daughter, Rebecca Marthel. Mrs. Ryan was born in Miami county, Ohio, on June 23, 1857. Her father, Lucius Peck, was a native of Massachusetts, while her mother was a native of Miami county, this state, where they made their permanent home, and where both died. They were the parents of the following children, eight of whom lived to years of maturity: Susan, Rebecca, Parolee, Sarah, Martha, Nancy, Emma, Eliza, Dora and Lucy. Mrs. Ryan's father was a music and school teacher, in addition to which he was also an expert carpenter and blacksmith. Mrs. Ryan's paternal grandparents were both natives of Massachusetts, while in the maternal line, her grandparents, Peter and Rebecca (Fouts) Vore, were natives of Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by vocation and they were early settlers in Union township, Miami county, Ohio, where they lived the remainder of their lives and died when well advanced in years. They had the following children: Susan, Elizabeth, George, Henry, Eliza, John, Barbara, Elam, Harrison and Ann.

Religiously, Doctor and Mrs. Ryan are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the doctor is a trustee and steward. Fraternally, he is a member of Versailles Lodge No. 290, Free and Accepted Masons, while, professionally, he is a member of the county and state medical associations, in the proceedings of which he takes a deep interest. The doctor's political affiliations are with the Democratic party, in the success of which he is interested though his professional duties preclude his giving much attention to public affairs. He was village health officer for thirteen years. He owns the old home farm that was originally settled by his father and where he himself was reared. Doctor Ryan's public spirited interest in the general good has been manifest in many ways, especially in the hearty co-operation which he gives to every movement or measure calculated to advance the general welfare. Through reading and investigation he keeps in close touch with the most

advanced thought of his profession. Anything is of interest to him which tends to bring to man the key to that mystery which we call life. He has the closest regard for the higher professional ethics and enjoys in an unusual degree the respect of the members of the medical fraternity as well as that of the public.

AUGUSTUS N. WILSON AND SARAH C. WILSON.

Augustus N. Wilson is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Leas) Wilson and was born near West Sonora, Preble county, Ohio, May 10, 1842. His grandfather was a carpenter and a resident of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, whose ancestors seem to have been among the early Quaker settlers of the Delaware valley—probably settling there shortly prior to 1700. As near as is now known his forebears were mostly carpenters and farmers who intermarried with some of the best families of the Friends and lived the humble, frugal and industrious life characteristic of these stalwart people.

Mr. Wilson's grandfather fell from a building on which he was working in Philadelphia, Pa., and died as a result of the fall. His son Thomas was reared in the home of his brother-in-law, Abner Hibbs, and appears to have learned the latter's trade in Philadelphia when a young man. Later, probably between 1820 and 1825, Thomas came to Ohio, walking from Philadelphia to the home of his brother Eli in Zanesville, Ohio. Shortly afterward he piloted a flat boat of merchandise from Cincinnati to New Orleans and returned afoot. He finally settled near West Sonora, Preble county, Ohio, where he taught school and became a justice of the peace. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Leas of near Lewisburg, Preble county, and became the father of eight children, viz.: Lydia, who married William Werts; William M.; John L.; Eli; Theodore; F. J.; Augustus N., and Jane, who married Silas Laird. Of these five sons and one daughter still survive at an average age of about seventy-five years.

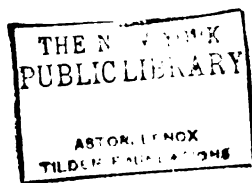
From their mother these children, apparently, inherited that business acumen characteristic of the Leas family, which has made the men successful in financial and business enterprises. From the father, who was a voracious reader and student of current affairs, probably came the desire to acquire an educa-



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tion and a certain ability to frame and compose papers of literary merit.

Thomas Wilson was born October 14, 1803, and died December 21, 1877, and his wife, Elizabeth, was born September 5, 1805, and died February 5, 1887. Their remains are buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg, Ohio.

From Quaker ancestry Augustus Wilson probably inherited the qualities of moral integrity, firmness, frugality, industry, determination, frankness, hatred of shams, together with plainness of speech and simplicity in dress which are marked characteristics of his disposition.

He acquired the rudiments of an education in a country school and, when about fourteen years of age, went to work on the farm of a neighbor at six dollars per month.

In the fall of 1861 he commenced to teach school, but in a few weeks laid aside his books and responded to the call of his country, enlisting as a private in Company E, Sixty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, for a period of three years. At the termination of this period he re-enlisted and soon thereafter was appointed hospital steward of the regiment, which position he held until mustered out after the close of the war. He was with the regiment during this entire period with the exception of about two weeks and participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea, taking part in the following engagements: Gallatin, Nashville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Look-out Mountain and Mission Ridge, Tenn.; Dug Gap, Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Chattahoochie River, Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro and Siege of Savannah, Ga.; Bentonville, Goldsboro and Raleigh, N. C., and was present at Johnson's surrender.

During the first winter after the war he taught below Ithaca. The spring found him with some seven hundred dollars which he had saved by soldiering and teaching and with this little sum he entered into partnership with his uncle, Jesse Tillman, and conducted a small dry goods and grocery store in the hamlet of Jaysville, Darke county, Ohio. In about a year he sold out his interest and formed a partnership with his brother William, who conducted a store at Winchester, Preble county, Ohio. In the spring of 1867 he went to Dallas (now Ansonia), Ohio, and entered into partnership with his brother John. Here he remained a little over five years, during most of which

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time he served as postmaster of the village. On September 19, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C., daughter of George and Elizabeth (Frazer) Niswonger at Winchester, Ohio. In February, 1873, the family, then including three children, moved to Greenville, Ohio, where Mr. Wilson formed a partnership with Mr. William Kelly and conducted a dry goods store in the building now occupied by the Advocate office and press room on Broadway, near the public square. This partnership lasted about two years, when Mr. Kelly was elected county auditor and retired from the firm. Mr. Wilson soon moved into the Miller room, a few doors to the south, and in about two years formed a partnership with William H. Hart, which lasted some twelve years. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hart were complementary in disposition, the former having excellent judgment of the quality and value of merchandise, indomitable energy and good executive qualities, while the latter was sociable, diplomatic and urbane in manner and winning in personality, thus forming an ideal partnership which commanded the confidence and won the patronage of the community.

On account of the rapid increase in the volume of their business Wilson and Hart were forced to seek new quarters, and, in 1879, began the erection of a substantial three-story brick building, 40x85 feet in size, on the west side of Broadway just south of Third street. This building was, at that time, considered too far south of the trading center, but trade followed the store and in a short time it was considered one of the most centrally located business rooms in the city. It was completed in 1880 and was by far the most modern and substantial business room in the city, being finely finished and equipped, well proportioned and excellently lighted. On account of failing health Mr. Hart retired from the business and moved to Chattanooga, Tenn.

In 1892 Mr. Wilson formed a partnership with his sons Osborn and Frazer and his son-in-law, Mr. William H. Mann. In the spring of 1895 the new firm closed out their business in Greenville and opened up a store on South Main street, near Fifth street, Dayton, Ohio, where they conducted business until July, 1908. In the meantime the partnership had been dissolved and Mr. Wilson now returned to Greenville where he reopened in the Winner block, having disposed of the building which he formerly owned upon moving to Dayton. On July 1, 1906, he again moved into the latter building, and on

March 11, 1907, formed a new partnership with his sons, Osborn, Frazer and Carl. Osborn withdrew in September to accept a position in the Greenville postoffice where he is now employed as assistant mailing clerk. The business has continued since that time under the firm name of A. N. Wilson & Sons, and now requires the use of the entire three floors of the Wilson & Hart block to properly house their large stock of dry goods, notions and floor coverings.

By having his sons to share the responsibilities of the business Mr. Wilson has been able to devote some time to public affairs, and in January, 1902, became a member of the board of trustees of the Dayton State Hospital for the Insane by appointment of Governor Nash. This position he held for three successive terms and until the board was finally abolished by a new State law which centralized the control of the State charitable institutions in April, 1911. For some time Mr. Wilson was president of the board and was associated during his incumbency with Hons. H. L. Morey, George Sohngen of Hamilton, O.; C. R. Gilmore of Eaton, O.; T. P. Linn, of Columbus, O.; George Little and Judge C. C. Scherer of Xenia, O.

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Wilson was elected Mayor of Greenville on the Republican ticket, overcoming a natural Democratic majority of over one hundred and fifty. During his term of office he won the confidence of the moral and law abiding element in the population by his rigid and impartial enforcement of the laws.

In November, 1905, he was a candidate for re-election against Thomas C. Maher, the Democratic candidate, with whom he tied, each receiving 825 votes. To determine who should serve, the candidates cast lot and Mr. Wilson won, but Mr. Maher soon filed contest proceedings in court, alleging irregularity in respect to four or five votes, and secured a verdict in his favor.

Mr. Wilson also served the public in other capacities, being a member of the board of education, about 1890, and a member of the committee, with Hon. C. M. Anderson, Judge Jas. I. Allread and Judge John C. Clark, appointed to wait upon the committee on public buildings at Washington, D. C., and present Greenville's claims for a government building. Hon. Harvey C. Garver was a member of Congress at that time and with his vigorous co-operation an appropriation of some \$35,-

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000 was secured with which the colonial style postoffice building on the public square was soon built.

He has been a member of the Odd Fellows for over forty years and is also a member of the G. A. R.

With all his interest in public affairs Mr. Wilson never neglected his business. Being especially interested in the selling and making up of carpets, he invented a clamp for holding together strips of carpet which were to be sewed. This clamp was patented under date of August 5, 1890, and proved to be a practical invention, being sold to progressive merchants in various sections of the United States.

In disposition Mr. Wilson is firm, aggressive, industrious, persevering and faithful and has that determined spirit which scarcely knows defeat. He has raised a large family, carried on an extensive business, served the public, and today, at the age of seventy-two years, is more active than many men at fifty, taking an active and very important part in the necessary details and routine incident to a successful business.

For relaxation he enjoyed his annual hunt of two or three weeks in the forests of Michigan, Wisconsin, Maine or some of the southern States, not missing a season for a period of thirty years or more.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Euphemia, Preble county, Ohio, June 23, 1847. Her father's father was David Niswonger, who was born in Virginia in 1770 and died in 1844. He was of German descent and married in the Gunder family. George Niswonger, the father of Mrs. Wilson, was born in Preble county, March 9, 1817, and died at Greenville, Ohio, March 9, 1884. He married Miss Elizabeth Ducker Frazer, October 1, 1843, and they became the parents of Sarah Catharine (Wilson); John N. Niswonger, born December 19, 1852, died April 24, 1895; Jas. A. B. Niswonger, born July 19, 1851, died March 22, 1899.

Mrs. Wilson's mother's father was Jas. A. B. Frazer, son of William Frazer, who came from Scotland, claiming direct descent from Sir Simon Fraser (Lord Lovat). The Frasers (sometimes spelt Frazer or Frazier), were of Norman French descent and settled in Scotland at an early date, becoming one of the most prominent families in the isle whose descendants are found scattered in the United States and the British colonies generally. The present seat of the family in Scotland is Invernessshire and the City of Inverness, where they form a large per cent. of the population.

James A. B. Frazer was born in 1791 and learned the trade of a miller, probably from his father, who, it seems, operated a mill near Baltimore, Md. He came to western Ohio about 1820, where he engaged in milling at Lucas's mill on Brown's run in the northern part of Butler county. He also taught school in the Heck neighborhood near this place, where in September, 1823, he married Catharine Heck, whose parents also came from Maryland. While living at Brown's Run, a daughter, Elizabeth D. (mother of Mrs. A. N. Wilson), was born August 14, 1824. The family soon moved to the neighborhood of Georgetown, Preble county, where Mr. Frazer taught school for a while. In 1827 he leased a mill of John Lock on Twin Creek, just above Euphemia and in 1828 he bought the property which then consisted of an old mill and saw mill. This mill had been built by Jesse Swisher in 1817, and had three run of burrs—one French, one Raccoon and a corn burr made from a gray-head stone, with a capacity of about twenty-seven barrels of flour in twenty-four hours. A distillery was added to this with a capacity of about twenty bushels per day with mashing done by hand. Later horse power was installed to do the mashing and pumping, thus increasing the capacity to thirty bushels per day. In 1838 Mr. Frazer built a stone mill just west of the old mill from limestone quarried along the creek nearby. This mill was about one hundred feet long and was considered one of the substantial buildings of the State at that early date. It cost some \$12,000 to \$14,000 in addition to \$3,000 which Mr. Frazer had paid for the old mill with one hundred and forty acres of land and the water right extending from west of his dam to the national road east of Euphemia. When the new mill was completed he was offered \$28,000 for the entire property and water right, with the provision that he would not build another mill within the bounds of the customs of said mill. He refused this offer, but a few years proved his mistake as he went into bankruptcy in 1844 and died August 20, 1849, grieving his loss and failure. His estimable wife, who was known for her benevolent disposition, lost the sight of both eyes about the time of her husband's failure, probably from paralysis of the optic nerve, and died at the home of her daughter in Richmond, Ind., from apoplexy, March 27, 1854. Their children were Elizabeth D., Henry, John, Nelson and Daniel, all of whom are now dead, except Henry, who is eighty-nine years of age.

Elizabeth D. Frazer was a woman of exceptional mental

powers, with strong moral convictions, sane piety and a very industrious disposition. In spite of many discouraging experiences along the road of life she bore up bravely and won for herself an enviable reputation. After the death of her husband, George Niswonger, in 1884, she made her home mostly with her daughter, Mrs. A. N. Wilson, in Greenville, Ohio, where she died September 29, 1901, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Sarah Catharine (Niswonger) Wilson inherited many of the characteristics of her grandmother Frazer, whom she resembled in outward form, being inclined to stoutness, and enjoying good living. She was a woman of large heart and mind, a tender, yielding disposition and optimistic tendencies. She thought well of mankind, caring but little for distinctions of creed, color or mere outward circumstance and was charitable almost to a fault with the unfortunate. The family circle was the center of her affections, but she was sociable to all and exceedingly hospitable to her friends. So-called society made no appeal to her and she disliked its posings, affections and shams to a marked degree. Being of a lively and active disposition she enjoyed life and expected others to do likewise. Although disabled by partial paralysis during the last five years of her life she bore her affliction with patience and fortitude and passed to her reward April 7, 1914, mourned by a host of friends and admirers.

Her remains, together with those of her parents and brother James, and son George are buried in the Wilson lot in the Greenville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the parents of eight children, of whom seven still survive, as follows: Gertrude, who married Mr. William H. Mann; Osborn, who married Miss Lillian Harrison, and is now a mailing clerk in the Greenville post-office; Frazer E., who married Miss Pearle Larimer (see sketch in this work); Bessie, now at home; Carlton F., author of musical ballads, now member of firm of A. N. Wilson & Sons; Grace A., who married J. L. Ewing, now living at Erie, Pa.; Frank G., musician and musical composer, now with Rudolph Wurlitzer Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. The grandchildren are: Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mann; John Larimer, Wayne Alden and Miriam, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson; Harrison Augustus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Wilson.

JOHN MURPHY.

There could be no more comprehensive history written of a city or a community than that which deals with the life-work of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "prominent and progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active and less able plodders on the highway of life and attained to a position of relative distinction in the locality honored by his citizenship.

John Murphy is a native son of the old Buckeye State, having been born in Clarke county on the 10th day of May, 1845, and is a son of William H. and Mary (Sipe) Murphy. The subject's father, who also was a native of Ohio, was a carpenter by trade and also farmed to some extent. In 1856 he came to Darke county, locating just south of New Harrison, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1859, when he moved to Miami county, locating on a farm on Panther creek. Eventually he moved to Covington, this State, still later locating just south of Bradford, Darke county, and in 1865 came to Versailles, where he engaged again in farming, and was also interested in the hardware business. He became a man of prominence in the community, serving as mayor of Versailles, and for twenty years gave effective service as justice of the peace. He was also to some extent interested in the lumber business and in many ways contributed to the commercial prosperity of that locality. Both of the subjects' parents were born in the year 1818. He died at Versailles in 1893, when nearly seventy-five years of age, having survived his wife many years, she passing away in 1862, at the age of forty-four years. They were both earnest members of the Christian church. Mrs. Murphy was a native of Pennsylvania, and her parents were natives of Germany, who, upon their emigration to the United States, settled in the Keystone State, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were as follows: John, Henry, Jacob, Mary, Susan, Catherine and Esther. To Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were born the following children: Catherine, Leander, Sarah, Simon, Angeline, John, William H., Mary Margaret, Ellen, Esther, Elizabeth, Susanna and Joseph.

John Murphy was reared as a farmer boy, spending the first years of his life with his parents in Miami, Darke and Greene

counties, and securing his education in the district schools of the various localities where the family resided. On February 22, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Eighth Ohio cavalry, and with that command took part in some of the most hotly contested battles of that period of the war, being mustered out of the service on the 30th of July, 1865. Among the engagements in which he had a part were those of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, besides many skirmishes, marches and campaigns. After the war Mr. Murphy returned to the home farm and completed his public school studies. He then engaged in teaching school, being thus engaged during sixteen six-months terms of winter school and two summer terms. He then turned to the operation of his farm of one hundred acres, located three miles north of Versailles, where he remained until the fall of 1884, when he came to Versailles and embarked in the drain tile manufacturing business, in which he continued until 1914, a period of nearly thirty years. The plant which he operated is up-to-date and well equipped in every respect and a number of expert workmen were employed, a large amount of tile of a high quality being turned out, which commands a ready sale in the market. Mr. Murphy has prospered in his business efforts and has bought two more farms, being now the owner of four hundred acres of splendid land. His success has been due to his indefatigable industry, sound business judgment and staunch integrity, elements of character which will insure success in any undertaking, and he has earned the high place which he has long occupied in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

On March 4, 1869, John Murphy was united in marriage with Martha J. Marker, the daughter of Martin and Margaret (Weaver) Marker, and to their union have been born the following children: Charles, who died at the age of nine months; Margaret became the wife of Rev. William Flammer. They lived in Wyoming until the fall of 1913 and then returned to Miami county, where he was born and reared and is now pastor of the Christian church at Covington, the town where he was born. They have three children, Marian, William and Robert; Francis Marian was a merchant for some years in Versailles, eventually was graduated from the law department of University of Michigan, and is now a successful lawyer at Greenville. He married Margaret Ward and they have three children, Pauline, Martha and Louisa; Cora married Andrew Reed; Forest, who is in the clothing business in Versailles,

married Marie Wills, and they have three children, Helen L., Jennie M. and John E.; Jennie became the wife of Earl Ryan, and they live in Columbus, this state, where he is studying medicine. They have a daughter, Marthel; Algie, who married Martha Helen Wright, of Greenville, is engaged in the clothing business in partnership with his brother at Versailles; Mary is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Ann Arbor, Michigan; Mabel is a graduate of the Versailles high school and college at Oberlin, Ohio, as are all of her brothers and sisters.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Christian church at Versailles. Politically, he is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, having been actively engaged in politics for a number of years and standing high in the councils of his party. He has served as township clerk, and as a member of the school board, and was also a member of the city council in all of which positions he has discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. He is a man of a high order of mentality, progressive and discriminating in the management of his business affairs, and who maintains a deep and abiding interest in all that makes for the general prosperity and advancement of the community in which he lives and where he is honored by all who know him.

He never asked a man to vote for him and never was defeated when a candidate for member of council or school board.

WILLIAM A. BROWNE, SR.

It is a well recognized fact that the most powerful influence in shaping and controlling public life is the press. It reaches a greater number of people than any other agency and thus has always been and, in the hands of persons competent to direct it, always will be a most important factor in moulding public opinion and shaping the destiny of the nation. The gentleman to a brief review of whose life these lines are devoted is prominently connected with the journalism of western Ohio, and at this time is editor and publisher of the Greenville Advocate, one of the most popular and influential papers of Darke county, comparing favorably with the best local publications in this section of the state in news, editorial ability and mechanical execution. The county recognizes in Mr. Browne

not only one of the keenest newspaper men, but also a representative citizen, whose interest in all that affects the general welfare has been of such a character as to win for him a high place in the confidence and esteem of the people.

William A. Browne, Sr., was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 19th of April, 1842, and is a son of William A. and Hester A. (Touchstone) Browne, both of whom were natives of Maryland. He is one of five children, three of whom lived to maturity, namely: Mrs. Emma Alice Beaver, deceased; Mrs. Melissa Kennon, deceased, whose husband was a surgeon in the United States army, located at Silver City, New Mexico; William A., the subject of this sketch, and two who died in early childhood. William A. Browne, father of the subject, was reared in Cecil county, Maryland, and became a successful minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in his native state in 1844, being survived by his wife, who died in Danville, Ill., when about seventy-five years of age, being buried in the cemetery at Greenville, Ohio. The subject's paternal grandparents were farming folk in Cecil county, Maryland, where they spent their lives and died when well advanced in years.

The subject of this review was but two years of age when deprived by death of the care and protection of a father, and he was then placed in the home of an uncle, James Touchstone, in Reading, Pa., where he lived until 1854, during a part of which period he received the advantage of attendance in the public schools. He then went to live with his mother, who had gone to Port Deposit, Md., to live, and there he also received some schooling. In 1860 Mr. Browne went to St. Louis, Mo., and entered the employ of the Republican, one of the leading newspapers of that state, as a printer. Shortly afterwards he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and until 1874 was employed by the Robert Clarke Book Company. He had been a steady, industrious and economical man, and at that time embarked on the journalistic sea on his own account, buying the Covington (Ohio) Gazette, which he published for nine years, with a fair degree of success. In 1883 Mr. Browne came to Greenville and established the Democratic Advocate, the success of which has become a matter of local history. In 1892 Mr. Browne gave further evidence of his faith in the community with which he had cast his lot and started a daily edition of the Advocate, which, like the weekly edition, has proven a most notable success. Mechanically, the Advocate office is one of the best

equipped in western Ohio, and, in addition to the publication of the journals mentioned, particular attention is given to job printing, in the execution of which this office has gained a wide reputation because of the high quality of the work turned out and the courteous and prompt treatment accorded to the patrons of the office. Mr. Browne has wisely maintained a personal supervision over all details of his business, and to his personal efforts and sound business methods is due the splendid success which has rewarded his efforts. Financially, Mr. Browne has been deservedly prosperous and he has acquired other business interests in Greenville, being a stockholder in and a director of the Greenville National Bank.

On the 25th of June, 1863, Mr. Browne married Sarah A. Hawkins, of St. Louis, Mo., a daughter of Samuel and Ann Hawkins, and to them were born nine children, namely: Walter L., who died at the age of twelve years; William A., Jr., the first, died when about two years old; Annie became the wife of N. J. Kuntz, of Middletown, Ohio, and they have five daughters, Hester, Helen, Anna B., Mary and Thomasene; Agnes is the wife of G. T. Wolf, of Greenville, and they have three children, Virginia, John Thomas and Walter; Hester died in infancy; William A., Jr., the second, is connected with the Advocate office; he married Elizabeth Murray of Springfield, Ohio, and they had two children; for his second wife he married Winifred Westbrook and they have one child, William A., the third; Walter E., who also is employed in the Advocate office, married Daisy East and they have one child, Walter East Browne; Linnus, who is an electrician in Greenville, married, first, Gertrude Guyer, to which union was born a daughter, Bernice, and for his second wife he chose Augusta Mason, who bore him a daughter, Eleanor; Virginia died at the age of sixteen years.

Politically, Mr. Browne has been a life-long supporter of the Democratic party and has been a prominent figure in its councils, having, in 1912, served as a delegate from the Fourth Ohio congressional district to the national convention at Baltimore. Fraternally, he is a member of Covington Lodge No. 168, Free and Accepted Masons, at Covington, Ohio. Religiously, Mrs. Browne is a member of the Baptist church. Personally, Mr. Browne is a man of forceful personality and has wielded a large influence in the community. As a writer he wields a trenchant pen, and, possessing an unusual instinct for "news," he has succeeded in making his papers indispens-

able in thousands of Darke county homes. Genial and companionable, a splendid conversationalist and well informed on a wide range of subjects, he is a man of representative character in his community and as such is clearly entitled to specific mention in a work of this character.

HENRY PHILIP STOCKER.

Henry P. Stocker, who by the inherent force of his own industry, determination and tact has achieved success in his chosen vocation, and who is rightfully numbered among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Greenville, is justly entitled to recognition in the annals of his county, and in the following brief sketch will be found a resume of the leading facts in his career. Mr. Stocker was born in the quaint and wealthy old city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on December 16, 1864, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Rader) Stocker. The subject's father was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated, and where, upon attaining mature years, he learned the trade of a butcher. Eventually coming to the United States, he located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1865, when he removed to Montgomery county, Ohio, and from there, in 1873, to Darke county, Ohio, settling on a tract of land in Adams township, five miles north-east of Greenville, his original farm there comprising sixty-two acres, to which he later added forty-nine acres more. To the improvement and cultivation of this land he devoted his energies and there he reared his family, and still makes his home. Andrew Stocker's parents, who also were natives of Germany, were people of respectability and prominence in their locality. The father died in his native land, and his widow, whose maiden name was Kipp, afterwards came to America and eventually died in Montgomery county, Ohio. They were the parents of several children.

Margaret (Rader) Stocker was also a native of the fatherland, where both of her parents died, and by her marriage with Andrew Stocker she became the mother of the following children: John, who lives near Wandington, Ohio; Jacob, of Greenville; Andrew, of Miamisburg, Ohio; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Andrew Sneller; Mary, the wife of D. W. Young, of Dayton, Ohio; Catherine, who died at the

age of two years; Henry, of Greenville, the immediate subject of this sketch; Albert, deceased; Flora, the wife of James Knick, of Greenville township, this county; William, who lives near Portland, Indiana; Adam, who lives east of Greenville; Elmer, of Vincennes, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Stocker both gave faithful allegiance to the Lutheran church. Mrs. Margaret Stocker died on the home farm in Adams township in 1875, and subsequently Mr. Stocker married Barbara Fashner, whose death occurred in 1910, and he is now living in Greenville, being practically retired from active business pursuits.

Henry P. Stocker was about seven years old when the family came to Darke county, and he was reared on the paternal homestead in Adams township, receiving his education in the district schools. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, then for a time he worked out by the month at farm labor. Then for two years Mr. Stocker was employed as a clerk in a grocery store at Miamisburg, after which he was a street car conductor in Cincinnati for five years. He then returned to Miamisburg and worked for his brother, Andrew R., in the furniture and undertaking business for seven years. He gave careful and thoughtful attention to the work in hand, and on April 1, 1896, came to Greenville and started in the undertaking business on his own account, buying out Curtis & Sarff, and he has conducted this business continuously since. He has, by industry and close application, attained to an eminent success and has for a number of years been numbered among the leading undertakers and funeral directors of Darke county, and has commanded his full share of public patronage during the years in which he has been identified with local business circles.

On December 27, 1893, Mr. Stocker was married to Mary Stocker, who was born in Miamisburg, Ohio, the daughter of John and Louise (Mackenhimer) Stocker. Her parents, who were natives of Germany, were for many years honored residents of Miamisburg, Ohio, where their deaths occurred. They were the parents of four children, Lena Aelhardt, Mary, Theodore and John. To Mr. and Mrs. Stocker have been born five children, Harry, Louise, Dewey, Carl and Mary.

Politically, Mr. Stocker is an earnest supporter of the Democratic party, but his business affairs have made such heavy demands upon his time as to preclude his taking an active part in public affairs. He has taken a deep and intelligent interest in fraternal societies, and he holds membership in the follow-

ing bodies: Greenville Lodge No. 243, Free and Accepted Masons; Greenville Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons; Matchett Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dayton Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, thirty-second degree; Champion Lodge No. 742, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Miamisburg Lodge No. 44, Knights of Pythias; the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Modern Woodmen of America. Genial and unassuming in his relations with his fellow citizens, Mr. Stocker has, because of his personal worth, strict integrity and uniform courtesy, won a host of warm personal friends in his adopted city and is deserving of the popularity which he enjoys. He takes a deep interest in the general welfare, giving his support to all movements which promise to benefit the community in any way.

GEORGE GROSHANS.

Darke county has been fortunate in the number and character of its newspapers, those advance agents of modern progress and indispensable aids to social and industrial development, and none in this section of the state has to a greater extent influenced its readers in the direction of those things which tend to their upbuilding and improvement than the Greenville Tribune, published at the county seat by Groshans Brothers, the senior member of which firm is he whose name appears at the head of this paragraph. The Tribune has persistently endeavored to keep the torch of enterprise lighted in this thriving community and it has long enjoyed a marked popularity throughout the county.

George Groshans was born at New Harrison, Darke county, Ohio, on the 27th day of December, 1875, and is the son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Keck) Groshans. These parents were both natives of Germany, in which country they were reared, and there the father became a fine cloth weaver by trade. Some time prior to his marriage he came to the United States and, coming direct to Greenville, was here married. He obtained employment in the grain elevator owned by Daniel Henne, remaining continuously connected with that concern up to the time of his death, which occurred on May 2, 1901, at the age of fifty-five years. He is survived by his widow, who is a faithful member of the Lutheran church, as

was her husband. Mr. Groshans was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1871, and was a man of most excellent parts, enjoying to a marked degree the esteem of all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Groshans were the parents of the following children: Anna, the wife of Jacob D. Hinderer, of Darke county; George, the immediate subject of this sketch; Frederick, who is a partner of his brother George in the Groshans Brothers' Publishing Company, at Greenville; Wilhelmina, the wife of Harvey Winn, of Lockland, Ohio; Catherine, of Greenville; Lucy, who died in young womanhood; Christina, the wife of John E. Hoelser, of Indianapolis, Ind.

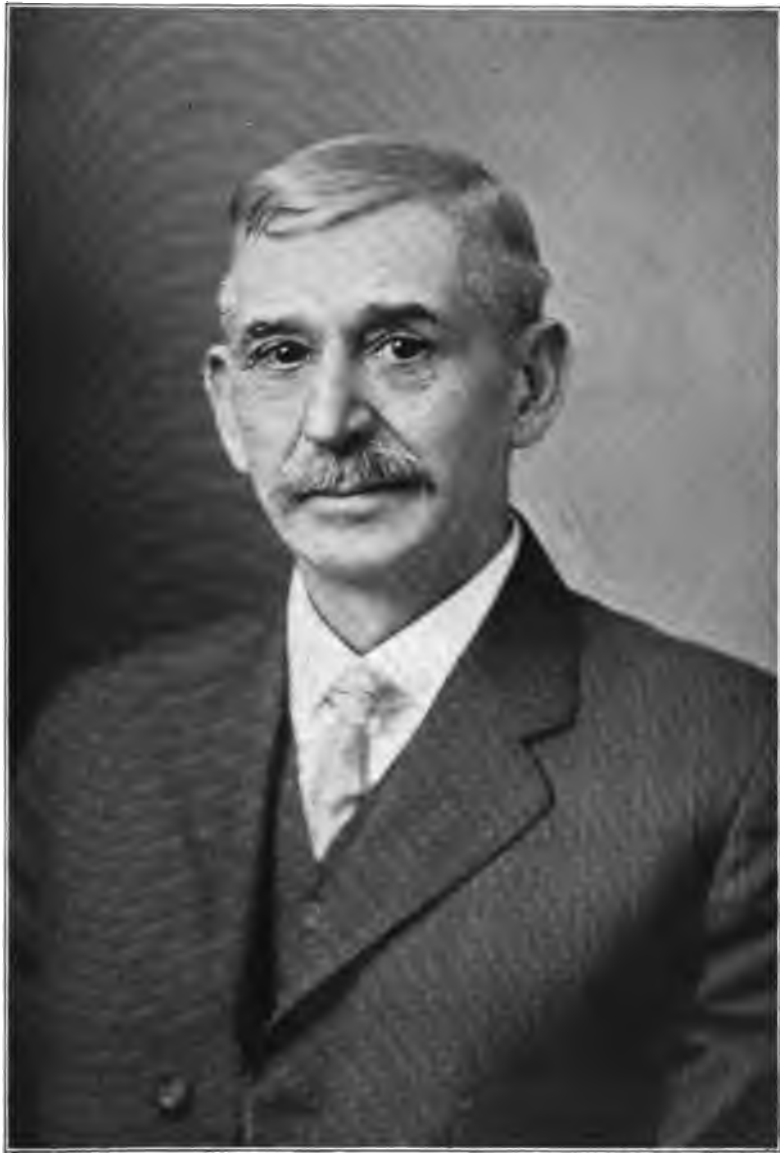
George Groshans was reared at Greenville and during his youth was given the advantage of attendance at the public schools. Upon the completion of his school life, he began to learn the printing trade, with which he has been identified continuously since. His first employment was in the office of the Greenville Tribune, where he continued about five years, then went to Marion Ohio about a year then to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he was foreman in the offices of the Mt. Vernon Banner and the Mt. Vernon Republican about four years then went to Newark, Ohio, where he was made foreman of the American Tribune, then to Canton, Ohio, for two years, then to Greenville in 1911, where he and his brother Frederic purchased the Greenville Tribune, newspaper, plant and good will, of which they are still the owners. The paper, which was established in 1890, is Republican in political affiliations, is numbered, and justly so, among the clean, newsy and popular papers of this section of the State. The mechanical equipment is up to date in every important particular and special attention is given to all kinds of general job printing, in which success has attended their efforts because of the high quality of work turned out and the courteous and prompt attention given to their customers.

On October 14, 1902, George Groshans was married to Ethelyn May McKay, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where her birth occurred January 11, 1880. She is the daughter of William W. and Sarah (Pipes) McKay. Her father was born at Manchester, England, November 26, 1845, and was a son of Robert S. and Emma (Hurst) McKay, the former of whom was born at Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, October 31, 1813. The latter was born March 6, 1827, in Manchester, England. William W. McKay served in the Civil war. Mrs. Groshans' mother, Sarah (Pipes) McKay, was the daughter of Harvey

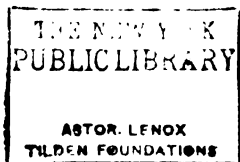
Pipes of Knox county, Ohio. Her father was the son of Daniel Pipes, who was a son of Joseph Pipes of New Jersey and later of Pennsylvania, whose forefathers came to America in the Sixteenth century. Joseph Pipes and his brother were out gathering nuts when a band of Indians came upon them. The brother ran around the swamp and hid, but Joseph ran into the swamp and was captured and carried away, was kept by them seven years until he was grown. Several times he tried to get away, but was guarded too closely. Once, when he ran away and was overtaken, he pretended he was lost and was glad to see the Indians. Later he escaped. Her mother is still living at her home in Mt. Vernon, O. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Groshans is the oldest; the others are: Dwight, Blanche, Charles, Elnora and Clyde. By a former marriage Mr. McKay had two children: Robert S. and Clifford. To Mr. and Mrs. Groshans have been born two children: Robert Kirkwood, born in East Church street, Newark, Ohio, on March 26, 1905, and Mildred Eleanor, born in Newark, Ohio, in Ninth street, on April 29, 1908.

MARTIN L. WEISENBARGER.

As a man's means increase, so do his responsibilities, not only those which pertain to the individual, but those which are founded upon humanity in the aggregate. A man of the importance and wealth of Martin L. Weisenbarger, second vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Arcanum, and one of the city's most progressive merchants, has calls made upon his time and attention that one less influential could escape. He is called upon to discharge without remuneration duties which carry with them perplexities and annoyances far in excess of the empty honor the office in question bestows; he is expected to give advice and settle disputes; to uphold the dignity of the city upon state occasion; to entertain important guests; to lend his name and a substantial amount of his money to the furtherance of public improvements, and to confer stability upon those organizations with which he is connected. These are but a few of the duties devolving upon a leading man of any community. That Mr. Weisenbarger measures up well to the highest standards of citizenship and those pertaining to men who have really earned the right to be



Mr. S. Weisenburger.



called prominent and influential, demonstrates beyond question that he has not failed to respond to the calls of his fellow townsmen. He was born in Twin township, Darke county, September 8, 1851, so is a product of the Buckeye State, and is proud of his Americanism, although he is equally proud of the fact that his immediate forebears were of German birth, for he rightly considers that many of the characteristics which have enabled him to win out in his life work, come from his excellent parents, John and Catherine (Trager) Weisenbarger, natives of Wurtenburg, Germany.

Philip Weisenbarger, the paternal grandfather, was also of German birth, and he and his wife had the following family: Frederick, John, Jacob and two daughters. John Weisenbarger, the father, grew up in his native land, but realizing how little chance there was in that day for a man of moderate means to succeed, he came to America, and first located at Lebanon, Ohio, where he was married, and immediately thereafter, he engaged in farming in the vicinity of that city. Subsequently he came to Darke county, Ohio, and in 1840 located in Twin township, where he bought eighty acres of land, to which he added more from time to time until he owned three hundred acres prior to his death. A large portion of this was cleared by him, and he put it under a fine state of cultivation. His death occurred when he was eighty-two years old. His wife was also eighty-two years old at the time of her demise. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran church.

The children of John and Catherine Weisenbarger are as follows: Jacob, Darke county; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Henry Odell; Hannah, wife of Noah Odell; John, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Adam, deceased; Mary, deceased; Caroline, widow of Jesse Burke, Preble county; Martin L., subject of this sketch; Joseph, deceased; George, resides in Miami county; Daniel, deceased.

The boyhood of Martin L. Weisenbarger differed very little from that of any ordinary country boy of his period and locality. Growing up in Twin township, he was sent to the schools of his district, but at the same time was expected to render himself useful on the farm, and did so willingly and effectively. Later he attended the normal school at Lebanon, and then taught school one term, but discovering that his inclinations pointed toward the marts of trade rather than the

schoolroom, he began clerking. A year later, he left that employment for the calling in which he had been trained from childhood, and for twenty-three years was one of the most successful agriculturalists of Darke county, operating his eighty acres of land until he sold it and moved to Arcanum in 1900. A man of his active spirit could not remain idle and the following year he purchased the general store of Charles Minch, and has since conducted it upon broad lines, carrying a full and complete stock of all goods to be found in any modern department store of the best class. Some idea of the volume of business may be gained from the fact that twelve clerks are required to handle the customers, and attend to their wants. During these active years of Mr. Weisenbarger's life, he has sought safe investment for his money, and is now serving as second vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank, one of the soundest financial institutions of Darke county. Much of the credit for the phenomenal success of the annual fairs of this county are due to his interest, efforts and progressive ideas, and he has served as president of the Darke County Agricultural Society for many years. A man of mature judgment and wide experience, he is called upon to lead the trend of public events in his community, and he does not fail to respond no matter what personal sacrifice is involved.

On May 17, 1878, Mr. Weisenbarger was united in marriage with Miss Martha Schaar, a daughter of John and Nancy (Niely) Schaar, and they had the following children: Cleatus, who married Clara Hunt, has one child, DeWitt; Earl, Hol, who married Estelle Cress, and they have two children, Gladys and Donald, and Roy, who died in infancy. While Mr. Weisenbarger is a Lutheran, his wife belongs to the United Brethren church. In fraternal matters he affiliates with the Odd Fellows. While he is enthusiastic in his support of Democratic principles and candidates, he has not cared for office, although he did consent to act as precinct assessor for one term.

Mrs. Wiesenbarger was born in Darke county, her father, a native of Germany, being a farmer of Twin township. Her mother was born in Pennsylvania, and both she and her husband are deceased.

Cleatus, Earl and Hol are associated with their father in the mercantile business and Mr. Weisenbarger is now enabled to place the greater responsibilities upon their shoulders, thus leaving him as their adviser.

CHARLES C. HALL.

The subject to whose life history attention is now directed has been a life-long resident of Darke county, and has, by a life of earnest endeavor, won a place among the enterprising and progressive business men of Greenville. He has not been, in any sense, an idler, but has persistently labored for the advancement of his interests along honorable and legitimate lines, so that he has honestly merited the high place which he holds in the esteem of the community. Mr. Hall was born about two and a half miles southeast of Greenville on December 7, 1866, and is the son of John W. and Frances D. (Carnahan) Hall, both of whom were also born in the old Buckeye state. John W. Hall was born in Darke county and became a successful farmer near Greenville, where he owned one hundred and twenty acres of good land. In 1875 Mr. Hall was elected sheriff of Darke county, assuming the duties of that office on January 1, 1876, and holding the position four years, retiring from the office with the commendation of all concerned. He then engaged in the livery business and was interested in the breeding of horses. His death occurred on December 30, 1901, aged sixty-seven years and seven months. His widow is still living, being nearly eighty years of age. Both were earnest members of the Christian church. They were the parents of the following children: James Monroe, deceased; Isaac William, of Camargo, Illinois; Catharine, the wife of Charles O. Lucas, of Dayton, Ohio; Elias M., of Monroe, La.; Idella May, deceased, who was the wife of John K. Foster; Charles C., the immediate subject of this sketch; Junie E., wife of H. H. Davis, of Greenville; Roll S., of Versailles, this county. The father of these children was a man of deserved prominence in his community for many years, having served as township treasurer for several years, as a member of the city council a number of terms, and he was also a member of the county agricultural board, serving as president of that body several terms. He was interested in military affairs and had served as a colonel in the Ohio National Guard.

John W. Hall was the son of James and Sarah (Culberson) Hall, both of whom were early settlers in Darke county. James Hall was a farmer and cabinetmaker, and his death occurred in Greenville township, this county, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, went from that State to Cincinnati, in 1812, when but seven years old, the

trip down the Ohio river being made on a flat boat. She lived to be nearly ninety-four years old. By her union with James Hall she became the mother of four children, Samuel, Frances, John W. and Mary. James Hall was also the father of a son by a former marriage.

The subject's maternal grandparents, Elias and Catherine (Martin) Carnahan, were early settlers in Darke county, Ohio, but eventually moved to the State of Illinois, settling near Emden, Logan county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, dying when well advanced in years. Among their children were Elias, Elizabeth, William, Lottie, Francis D. Martin C., and Sarah.

Charles C. Hall was about nine years of age when his father moved the family to Greenville, and here he secured a good education in the grade and high schools. He then became a clerk in the hardware store of A. F. Koop & Co., entering their employ at the age of fourteen years, and remaining with them ten and a half years. He was then employed in a like capacity by J. P. Duffey for six years. During the following three years he was on the road as a commercial traveler for Smith Brothers Hardware Company, of Columbus, Ohio, following which he engaged in the retail hardware business on his own account at Arcanum, Ohio, to which his attention was devoted for about seven and a half years. Then, for a few months, he was again on the road, but on the 15th of August, 1908, he opened a news stand and cigar store at No. 505 South Broadway. He has been very successful in this venture and, because of his uniform courtesy and efforts to please his patrons, he commands his full share of public patronage.

On December 29, 1909, Charles C. Hall was united in marriage with Vinora Thompson, who was born in Greenville township, Darke county, the daughter of William and Amanda Thompson, both of whom also were natives of this county. Her father, who was a successful farmer in this locality, died February 12, 1912, aged seventy-five years, and is survived by his widow. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. C. C. Hall and Alice, the wife of L. U. Jobes.

Fraternally, Mr. Hall has long taken a deep interest in the Masonic order, holding membership in the following branches: Ithaca Lodge No. 295, Free and Accepted Masons, at Arcanum, of which he was worshipful master two years; Greenville Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons; Matchett Council, Royal and Select Masters; Coleman Commandery No. 17, Knights

Templar, at Troy, Ohio; Dayton Consistory, Thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, both subordinate lodge and Uniform Rank. Politically, Mr. Hall is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and has taken a deep interest in public affairs of a local nature. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he has given his influence to the furtherance of good government and all that conserves the general welfare, while to him is accorded in his native county the fullest measure of confidence and esteem.

CHARLES S. SLADE.

It is proper to judge of the success of a man's life by the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens, who see him in every phase of life's activities in which he engages, and are therefore competent to judge of his merits and his demerits. In this connection it is not too much to say that the subject of this sketch has passed a life of unusual activity, that he has been industrious and has the confidence of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Charles S. Slade was born in the same street in which he now lives, on November 30, 1871, and practically his entire life has been passed in Greenville. His parents were Hamilton and Mary Jane (Hall) Slade, natives, respectively, of Preble and Darke counties, Ohio. They had two children, the subject and a sister, Margaret, who became the wife of Karl H. Schmermund. Hamilton Slade was reared in Darke county and during his early manhood years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Slade enlisted in the Ninety-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, being later transferred to Company B of the One Hundred and Tenth regiment. He proved a valiant and faithful soldier, serving about two and a half years, and at the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1863, he was seriously wounded, losing his left arm. Prior to that he had endured the horrors of Libby prison for six months. After the war Mr. Slade was postmaster of Greenville for a short time, resigning in order to accept the office of county clerk, which position he held through two terms, a period of six years. Then for a number of years Mr. Slade engaged in general contracting but eventually retired from active business pursuits. His

death occurred on March 6, 1913, at the age of seventy-seven years and four months. He is survived by his widow, who is past seventy years of age. Mr. Slade was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and had served as a member of the city council with credit.

The subject's paternal grandfather was John Slade, a successful and well-known farmer in this county, of which he was an early settler. He married Eliza Weaver and they had thirteen children, Alfred, Lark, Isaac, Hamilton, Susanna, Lucinda, William Allen, who died in the army during the war; Wesley and George, Jane, Eliza and Harvey. One died in infancy.

Mary Jane Slade, mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of James and Sarah (Culberson) Hall, and she lived to the remarkable age of ninety-three years, having borne the following children: John W., Samuel, Frances, Mary Jane, Margaret and Amos.

Charles S. Slade was reared under the parental roof in Greenville, and secured his elementary education in the public schools of this city. He then pursued a technical course of study in Vandernaillen's School of Engineering, in San Francisco, Cal., where he completed his studies in 1893. He then returned to his home city and has since followed his profession here with most pronounced success. His ability in his line has been widely recognized throughout this locality and he has commanded his full share of work. He served one full term as city engineer of Greenville, following a special term, and is now serving his second term as county surveyor. By careful and painstaking attention to every piece of work entrusted to him, Mr. Slade has demonstrated in an unmistakable manner his fitness for the profession which now claims his attention, and he is held in high regard by all who are familiar with his record as a civil engineer.

On December 24, 1900, Mr. Slade was married to Nancy P. Cunningham, who was born in Huron, Erie county, Ohio, the daughter of Lewis E. and Adelia (Cleveland) Cunningham, and to this union has been born one son, Allan Cunningham Slade. Mrs. Slade's parents were natives of Ohio, and her father died at Port Clinton, this state, in November, 1908, aged sixty-three years. His widow still survives him, at the age of sixty-four years. Both were Episcopalians in their religious faith. During the Civil war Lewis Cunningham was a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fiftieth regiment, Ohio vol-

unteer infantry, serving in response to the last call for volunteers. Prior to that he had been a member of the Cleveland Home Guards. He was a railroad man and for a number of years was employed by the Lake Shore Railroad Company. He was the son of Archibald and Nancy (Taylor) Cunningham, who were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Cuyahoga county, Ohio. Archibald C. died at the age of eighty-three years and his wife died when fifty-six years old. Their children were George, Lewis, Elsie, Andrew and William. Mrs. Slade's maternal grandparents were Josiah W. and Phoebe (Hatch) Cleveland, the father born in New York and the mother in Portland, Maine. They came to Ohio in an early day and both died when about eighty years of age. They had three children, Josephine, Isabel and Adelia, the two first dying in infancy. Josiah Cleveland was a son of John Cleveland, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, as was also Mrs. Slade's great-grandfather Hatch. The children of Lewis and Adelia (Cleveland) Cunningham were Josephine, Josiah, Nancy, Samuel, George and Elsie, all of whom are still living but Josiah, who died at the age of four years.

Fraternally, Mr. Slade is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is also a valued and appreciative member of the Greenville Historical Society and the National Geographical Society. Mrs. Slade is a member of the Episcopal church, of which she is a regular attendant. Mr. Slade's career has been characterized by an inflexible integrity of purpose and he has ever commanded the fullest measure of esteem in the community. Genial and companionable in his relations with his fellow men, he possesses to a marked degree those qualities which beget and retain friendships and his position in the city where he lives is an enviable one.

JOHN LINUS BASCOM.

One of the most important branches of public service in any municipality is that of the department of public safety, especially as relating to the policing of the city and the preservation of law and order. When the annals of the city of Greenville are written years hence, a high place will be given in them to the services rendered to his community by him whose name appears at the head of this sketch, and who for many

years has been a terror to evil-doers and a guarantee of safety to our citizens. Not only has he been guardian of the public safety in days of peace, but during the dark and ominous days of the early sixties, when the national integrity was threatened by armed treason, he gallantly gave what assistance he could in defense of Old Glory and all that it represents. For these and other reasons, Mr. Bascom is eminently entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

John L. Bascom was born on the present site of the fire department building in the city of Greenville, Ohio, on December 25, 1841, and is a son of John Sanford Bascom and Susanna (Sprecher) Bascom. His father was born near Dayton, Ohio, and his mother near Harrisburg, Pa., and they became the parents of two children, James, who died in infancy, and John L. John S. Bascom came to Darke county with his parents when a small boy, the family settling near what is now called Weimer Mill. From there, about 1840, they moved into Greenville, and settled on the Public Square on what for many years was known as the Bascom corner. There he grew to manhood, received his education in the city schools, eventually became a lawyer and practiced his profession here. He died June 3, 1844, when still a comparatively young man. At the time of his death he was deputy county treasurer and postmaster, holding a high position in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

The subject's paternal grandfather, Linus Bascom, was a native of Vermont and a farmer until his removal to Greenville, when he became an Indian trader, opening a grocery and trading store, which he conducted for a number of years. He died July 26, 1861, on the Bascom corner, where he settled, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His first wife was Mary Armstrong, who died in middle life. They had four children, John S., Erastus, Linus, Jr., and Mary A. For his second wife he married Jane Devors, and they had one child who died in infancy. Linus Bascom was a soldier of the war of 1812.

The subject's maternal grandparents were John and Sarah A. (Renshaw) Sprecher, who were natives of Ohio. The father was a bricklayer in his early days, and later a farmer, living retired during his later years. To him and his wife were born five children, John, Philip, Mary, Sarah and Henry.

John L. Bascom was reared in Greenville, which has been his home during practically his entire life. After completing his education in the public schools, he learned the painter's trade,

at which he was employed at the outbreak of the Civil war. When Fort Sumter's surrender fired the patriotic spirit of the loyal men of the north, Mr. Bascom was among the first to offer his services to his country, enlisting, on April 26, 1861, in the First regiment, Missouri volunteer infantry, under Col. Frank P. Blair. He was first in camp at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, after which he was sent to the front and took part in battles of Wilson's Creek, Shiloh, at which place he received a flesh wound, but was too plucky to pay any attention to it at the time, and kept on fighting; Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Corinth, Miss., Iuka, siege of Vicksburg, then came back to Lookout Mountain and participated with Sherman in all battles from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and from Atlanta to the sea, the last battle fought under Sherman was at Bentonville, N. C. In the battle in which McPherson was killed, Sergt. Bascom had a horse shot under him, but he was unharmed, he soon secured another mount and was soon again in the thick of the fighting when his second horse was shot and killed. For gallantry on that day while yet on the battle field he was promoted from orderly sergeant to rank of second lieutenant. After the last battle he took part in the grand review at Washington and on June 20, 1865, was mustered out and honorably discharged as second lieutenant of Company H, First Missouri light artillery, the commanding officer of which was Capt. C. M. Callahan. In a publication entitled "A Review of the Ohio Police Association," the following tribute was paid to him: "John L. Bascom was one of the bravest, most gallant and most efficient officers in the United States army."

At the conclusion of hostilities, Lieutenant Bascom returned to Greenville and was, in the spring of 1866, elected marshal of the city, in which position he served three years. In February, 1877, he was appointed on the police force of Greenville, on which he has served continuously since, a period of thirty-six years, and in 1902 he was honored by appointment as the head of the department, both on account of his demonstrated efficiency as an officer and also in testimony and appreciation of his high character as a man. His record has been a most honorable one and has been characterized by a strict and faithful performance of his official duties and a wise and judicious conduct of the department under his direction.

On December 5, 1869, Mr. Bascom married Mary A. Hamilton, who was born in Greenville, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas W. and Mary A. (Meeks) Hamilton, who were natives

of Fredericksburg, Md. They came from there to Greenville in an early day, and here spent the rest of their days, both dying when well advanced in years. They had seven children, Nancy, John, Phoebe, Caroline, Mary, Eunice and Alice. To Mr. and Mrs. Bascom have been born two children, Lona B., who is the wife of George T. Foltz, of Dayton, and Susanah who married Ulysses McCoy, but is now living at home with her father. Mrs. Bascom and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bascom was reared in the Presbyterian faith, but is not identified with any religious society. Fraternally, he is a member of Champion Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to Jobes's Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party and at one time was elected mayor of Greenville, in which position he gave general satisfaction. Personally, Mr. Bascom is genial and companionable and, because of his splendid character and genuine personal worth, he has earned and enjoys to an eminent degree the confidence and good will of the people of his community.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

The task of providing work for many bread winners naturally assumes a position of prime importance, a fact that is recognized by William H. Williams of the William H. Williams Company of Greenville, Ohio, who realizes his responsibilities as the head of a large importing firm, and in the conduct of his business he demonstrates that he is a capable, energetic, likable and efficient man. He was born in Randolph county, Indiana, January 27, 1867, a son of James and Rebecca J. (Arthur) Williams. The paternal grandfather of William H. Williams married a Miss Ross and they had five children, namely: Joseph, James, Ready, who died as a soldier during the Civil war; Hetty, Maria, and a son who died in infancy. The parents of these children survived to an advanced age. The maternal grandfather was John Arthur and he married Sarah Baird, both being natives of Darke county, Ohio, and farming people. She died when about sixty years old, while he lived to be over eighty years. They had a large family, among the children being Rebecca J., Abner, who resides at

Union City, Ohio; Millie, William, Joseph and Elizabeth. The Williams family is of Welsh stock and the Arthurs, Scotch.

James Williams was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, while his wife was a native of Darke county the same state. He came to Darke county, Ohio, with his parents in childhood and grew to manhood within its confines, becoming a farmer who operated in Butler township. Later he moved to Randolph county, Indiana, where he died in 1867, aged forty-seven years. His widow lived to be seventy-nine years old, dying June 28, 1903. They were devout members of the Christian church, in which he held numerous offices. Their children were: John B., who is deceased; Joel S., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Jason D., who resides in Randolph county, Indiana; James M., who resides at Greenville, Ohio, where Emma J., who is the wife of L. D. Yeaton of Indianapolis, Ind., and William H., whose name heads this review. There were three others who died in infancy.

William H. Williams was fourteen years old when he came from Randolph county, Indiana, to Greenville, Ohio, where he has continued to reside ever since. His scholastic training was secured in Wayne township, Randolph county, Indiana, during which period he was performing a man's work on his father's farm. When he located at Greenville, in 1881, he began clerking in a grocery store, and also worked for the first telephone exchange at Greenville in the room he now occupies, thus early learning habits of thrift and industry which have remained with him. Still later he went into the restaurant business, and conducted it for ten years, when in 1901 he was made manager for the long distance telephones in the house of representatives at Columbus, Ohio, holding this position until 1912. A number of years ago he recognized the demand for novelties suitable for use in the advertising business and traveled at first for the Spottswood Specialty Company of Lexington, Ky., but after a couple of years, founded his present company, now handling a high grade of calendars, fans and similar novelties, importing manufacturing and jobbing specialties used for advertising purposes, being conveniently located at No. 440 South Broadway, Greenville. His residence is at No. 311 East Main street.

On September 10, 1895, Mr. Williams married Miss Frances B. Troxell, a daughter of John W. and Nancy M. (Anderson) Troxell. Two children have been born of this union: Paul James and Robert Harvey Garber Williams. Mrs. Will-

iams belongs to the Christian church. Mr. Williams is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association. Politically, he is a Democrat and has been an enthusiastic admirer of William Jennings Bryan, as well as a stalwart worker in the ranks of his party.

Mr. Williams had the distinction of not only being a very pronounced progressive Democrat, but the honor of perfecting and managing a winning campaign for the two candidates for delegates to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore, 1912, from the Fourth congressional district, in direct opposition to the wishes of the State administration. The delegates, Mr. Browne, Sr., and Mr. Fox, having cast their every vote for Woodrow Wilson.

Mrs. Williams was born in Preble county, Ohio. Both her parents reside at Fitzgeralds, Ga. They had six children, namely: Mayme, Frances B., Ethel, Daisy, Jesse and Hazel.

CHARLES ROLAND.

In no avenue of business do men become so widely known as in journalism, not always as personalities, but as influences, their printed thoughts reaching thousands where their spoken ones would be heard perhaps by only a score. Hence the responsibility of a journalist is of exceeding weight, and there have been times when a newspaper has forced reformatory legislation—even been instrumental in changing public policies. Although he is now retired from his journalistic work, Charles Roland of Greenville, Ohio, can look back upon a career filled with usefulness and power, for in his day of activity, he belonged to the class defined above. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, August 6, 1831, a son of Edward Roland.

Edward Roland was born on the Isle of Wight, and came from thence with two brothers and three sisters, locating in Washington county, Ohio, at a period when all of that section was in a pioneer state. Subsequently Edward Roland made a trip to Europe, and probably died on his journey, as he never returned and no traces could be found of him. He left three sons: Charles, Edward and Perry, of whom Edward resided near French Lick, Ind., up to the time of his death in 1912, and Perry lives near Hutchinson, Kas.

Charles Roland was left an orphan in childhood, but was

taken by Harry Hill and reared in his family, being adopted by his foster parents. Until he was fourteen years old, he made himself useful on a farm, and attended whenever he could, the schools of his district, but having attained to that age, he began learning the printer's trade at Lancaster, Ohio, in the office of the Ohio Eagle. He continued in the employ of this paper until the death of the editor, when he purchased the plant, in 1856, and continued to issue the Eagle until 1866. At that time he came to Greenville, Ohio, and bought the Greenville Democrat, of which he continued editor and publisher for thirty-two years, or until 1899, when he retired in order to have more time to attend to his private interests.

In 1900 he relaxed and took a trip to Europe in company with a party of ninety-six, visiting Italy, Germany, France, England, Holland, Belgium and Ireland, spending three months. The itinerary embraced the leading points of interest in the countries visited, and was not only productive of pleasure, but instruction as well. The party was in charge of competent guides, who were able to speak the language of each country, and looked after the baggage so that many of the annoyances incident to such a trip, were eliminated.

In 1852 Mr. Roland married Miss Amelia Clark, a daughter of Lewis Clark, and they had nine children born to them: Arthur A., who is a practicing physician of osteopathy at Greenville, Ohio; Mary E., who married James H. McAlpin, a train dispatcher on the Pennsylvania lines for forty-eight years, now resides at Columbus, Ohio, having two children—Maude and Vera, both of whom are married; Charles W., who was in the Democrat printing office with his father for some years continued the business for nine years in partnership with his brother Edward, and married a Miss Davis, who bore him four children: Ernest, Gertrude, Virgil and Gladys; Clara J., who married Harry Rhotchamel, has one child, Roland; Emma S., who married Judge James I. Allread, lives at Columbus, Ohio, and has two children, Harold R. and Marie; Edward H., who is a printer at Winchester, Ind., is unmarried; Horace G., who died in infancy; Ida A., who married Sherman Dorman, now deceased, as is his wife, leaving no issue; Grace V., who married J. A. Spencer, a broker, at Greenville, and all are highly respected in the several communities in which they live. Mr. Roland has three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Roland died September 19, 1905, aged seventy-two years. She was born in Scioto county, Ohio, her mother being a native of that State, although her father was born in New York State.

While he has always been a Democrat, Mr. Roland has never been willing to go upon his party ticket for office. He owns a beautiful brick residence at No. 423 West Fourth street, which he built in 1876-7, and he also built his office building in 1870. At present he owns, in addition to his home, the corner of Fourth and Broadway, occupied by Horn's grocery, and the Second National Bank building at Greenville. The postoffice occupied Horn's corner for twenty years, or from 1890 to 1910. A resident of Greenville for forty-seven years, Mr. Roland has witnessed some of the most important changes in it, and is a recognized authority upon matters pertaining to its earlier history.

To show Mr. Roland's fearlessness and independence of action at all times and without regard to the possible effect his action might have upon him financially or physically we must relate something that took place in 1862 while he was editing and publishing the *Eagle* at Lancaster, Ohio. He had published an article in which he took exceptions to the manner in which the war was being conducted. Governor Todd requested him to come to Columbus. He did so, taking the prosecuting attorney of Fairfield county with him as witness. The Governor charged a tone of disloyalty and threatened suppression of the paper and imprisonment of Mr. Roland at Fort Warren. Mr. Roland took the ground that he was justified in all he did by the Constitution and the laws of the land. Governor Todd again threatened him. "Constitution or no Constitution, laws or no laws unless he should change the tone of the paper." Mr. Roland published an attested account of the interview in the next issue of his paper and continued to publish his views as before, but was never again molested.

GUY C. BAKER.

Although numbered among the younger members of the bar of Darke county, Guy C. Baker is recognized as one who is guided by high purpose and sincerity, and in him the law has a stern, inflexible and learned exponent, although personally he possesses deep sympathies and wide interests. He is the junior member of the legal firm of Bickel, Baker & Murphy, of No. 531 Broadway, Greenville, Ohio, and possessed of a large practice. Mr. Baker was born in Neave township, Darke county,

Ohio, December 11, 1876, a son of David and Lucy A. (Shuber) Baker, and grandson of David and Rebecca (Breidenstein) Baker, and Titus and Deborah (Brumbaugh) Shuber. David Baker and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, but became early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, where they became substantial farmers in Neave township. Both lived to an advanced age. Among their fourteen children were: George, Henry, Jacob, David, Nannie Noll, Barbara Calderwood, Esther Bookwalter, Mrs. Betsy Phillippi and Mrs. Catherine Wagner. Titus Shuler was also a native of Pennsylvania, and his wife, too, was born in that State. Like the Baker family, they became pioneers of Darke county, Ohio, but they settled in Butler township, where they died, having been engaged in farming all their lives. Among their many children were: Amandus, Samuel, Wilson, Frank, Jennie Clark and Lucy A. Baker.

David Baker, Jr., father of Guy C. Baker, was brought up in Darke county, Ohio, and in young manhood taught school. A man of more than average ability, he was chosen to represent his district in the State assembly and acquitted himself so capably that he was re-elected to serve a second term. Following this he embarked in an insurance business at Greenville, continuing in it up to his death in 1899, when he was forty-eight years old, by drowning. His widow survives him, and both early joined the Reformed church. Their children were: Ril T., who resides at Dayton, Ohio; Guy C., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Don D., who resides at Greenville, Ohio, and Nellie S., who is the wife of Carl P. Metz of Los Angeles, Cal. All these children were born in Ohio, as were their parents.

Guy C. Baker grew to manhood at Greenville, where he profited by the excellent public schools, being graduated from the high school of this city in 1894, following which he was made deputy probate under Judge J. M. Bickel. In the meanwhile he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1897, remaining in the probate office until 1900, when he formed a partnership with Judge Bickel which continues to this day, the firm enjoying a large and lucrative practice. The extent of Mr. Baker's learning and the rapidity and thoroughness of his research are marvelous, and as he is possessed of natural ability of a high order, his success in his practice has been steady and healthy.

On September 14, 1899, Mr. Baker was united in marriage

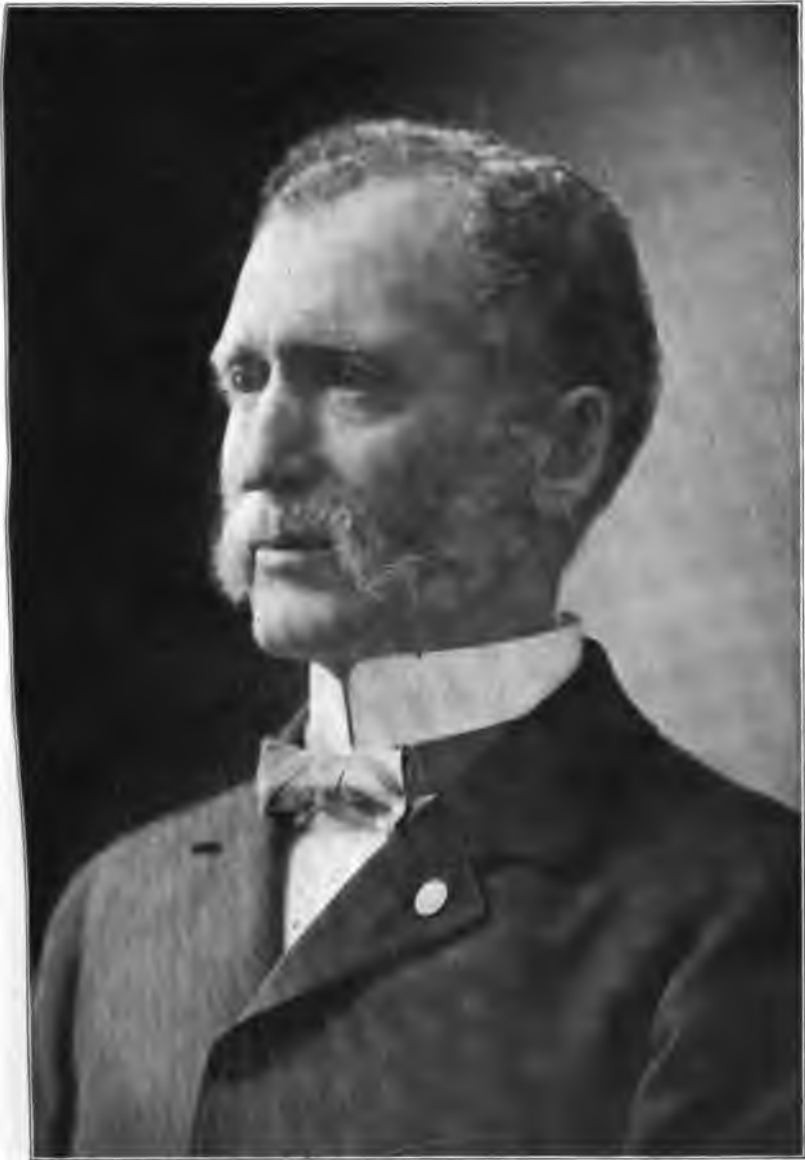
with Miss Maude Ditman, a daughter of John and Sarah (Schlaggenhaupt) Ditman, and one son has been born of this union: Joe W. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are earnest members of the Reformed church. He belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 243, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., and Matchett Commandery No. 91, R. & S. M. In addition he is a member of Greenville Lodge No. 161, Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a democrat, and his value to his party was evinced by his place on its ticket for city solicitor for two terms, while his popularity was proved by his election both times by a large majority. At present he is secretary of the Greenville Commercial club for he has ever been a most conscientious public servant, alive to the needs of his city.

Mrs. Baker was born at Greenville, Ohio. Her father is deceased, but her mother survives. They had the following children: Mrs. H. T. Miller, who lives at Kenton, Ohio; J. W. Ditman, who also lives at Kenton, Ohio; Gertrude Ditman, who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Inez, who is also a resident of Greenville, Ohio; Mrs. Dr. A. W. Rush, and Mrs. Guy Baker.

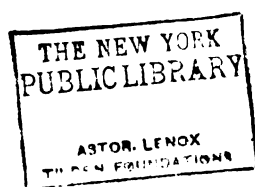
CHARLES WESLEY RARICK, M. D.

The art of healing is as old as man, but it has been given to moderns to penetrate into the mysteries of Divinity and comprehend that much that once was accounted criminal and depraved is but the outcome of ill health, and should be treated carefully as such. The modern physician must have a well-trained and well developed mind and nervous system, which can come only by conforming to the laws of health and by familiarity with the facts that are demonstrated by science and not through the influence of the metaphysical theories of the present time. Darke county, Ohio, has always given an earnest support to its regular practitioners, and one who has won a well merited distinction in his learned profession is Dr. Charles Wesley Rarick, of 1½ Public Square, Greenville, Ohio. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, December 9, 1843, a son of Philip and Sarah (Chenoweth) Rarick, and grandson of Philip and Susanna (Mikesell) Rarick, and John and Betsy (Foster) Chenoweth.

The American founder of the Rarick family was Conrad Rarick, born in Germany in 1722, who came to America in



Charles W. Parick, M.D.



1749 and died at Gettysburg, Ohio, in 1790, being buried in the cemetery at that place. Among his children was Henry Rarick, who was the great-grandfather of Doctor Rarick. Philip Rarick, Sr., grandfather of Doctor Rarick, and son of Henry Rarick, was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was a native of the same State, where they married, later coming to Ohio, settling first in Montgomery county, but subsequently settled in Darke county at a time when it was still under pioneer conditions, with which they had to contend. He served the American cause during the War of 1812, and did his full duty as a soldier, and carried his sense of obligation to his country into his after life, never losing it, and transmitting his patriotism to his children. The farm he secured from the government was located six miles west of Greenville in Washington township, and this he cleared and developed, no easy task in those days when the major portion of the land was covered with a dense growth. This property is now owned by Boyce Eidson. On it he died, but his wife passed away at Deerfield, Ind., each being seventy-two years old. They had thirteen children, as follows: Christina, Jacob, Daniel, Elizabeth, Philip, Catherine, John, Susanna, Andrew, Nancy, Levi, and two who died in childhood. The maternal side of Doctor Rarick's family is traced still further back than his paternal ancestors, for John Chenoweth, his great-great-grandfather came to the colonies in the historic Mayflower. John Chenoweth had a son, Arthur, whose son Thomas was the great-grandfather of Doctor Rarick, and his son, John, was the grandfather. The latter, born in Ohio, married an Ohioan and they located in Washington township, Darke county, on a farm in 1818, he having rendered efficient service during the War of 1812 by fighting against the enemy of his country. As he was born December 23, 1785, and died in 1871, and she was born July 16, 1789, and died in 1875, they were both about eighty-six years old at the time of death. Thirteen children were born to them, all of whom attained to maturity, they being as follows: Thomas F., Joseph F., Sarah, Casandra, Mary, Benjamin L., Richard P., John F., Rebecca, Isaac S. and Jacob L. (twins), James P., and Rachel A.

Philip Rarick, Jr., son of Philip Rarick, Sr., and father of Doctor Rarick, was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in Ohio. He came to Darke county, the latter State, with his parents when ten years old, in 1818, and grew to manhood in Washington township, developing into a farmer and becom-

ing very successful in his chosen calling. He cleared and developed a farm in that township, and later became the owner of 280 acres in Pike township, Jay county, Indiana, and cleared 120 acres of it, his first property being located in Darke county, Ohio, and his second in Jay county. His death occurred in the latter county in 1886, when he was seventy-eight years old. His first wife, mother of Dr. Rarick, died in 1863, aged fifty-one years, having borne him ten children, namely: Abraham C., who died at the age of seventy-four years; Isaac N., who lived in Jay county, Indiana, until October 6, 1913; Jacob J., who is deceased; Adam C., who is deceased; Dr. Charles W., whose name heads this review; Ira O., who is deceased; Susanna B., who is the wife of Charles Morehouse, resides six miles east of Portland, Ind.; Caroline, who is the wife of Samuel S. Roberts, of Mitchell, Neb.; Catherine, who died at the age of sixteen years; and David, who died at the age of six months. After the death of his first wife, Philip Rarick married (second) Mary Vail and they had no children. She died, and he married (third) Isabel Watson and they had five children, namely: Elsie, who is the wife of Harvey Green; Rosa, who married John Thorp; Clara, who married Burleigh Wall; Cora, who married a Mr. Carbaugh, and after his death she married (second) Philip Saxman; and John A., who was the youngest child.

Dr. Charles W. Rarick was only seven years old when the family migrated to Jay county, Indiana, and he grew up in the latter locality upon his father's farm, he assisting in the operation of clearing 120 acres of land. He attended the old fashioned district schools of his day and locality. With the breaking out of the Civil war, he felt the call to arms, and responding enlisted in Company H. One Hundredth Indiana volunteer infantry, served for three years, principally in the Fifteenth army corps, as a private. He was in the battles of Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, March to the Sea, and that up through the Carolinas, and his regiment participated in the Grand Review at Washington, being in the advance of Sherman's army. Returning home, he resumed his studies, attending school for fourteen months at Liberty, and still later went to Marietta College, from which he was graduated in 1874 with the degrees of A. B. and A. M., in 1877. Taking up the study of medicine, he was graduated with the degree of M. D. at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1883, having paid his way through college by his own work. In 1883 he located at Greenville, Ohio, in an office over the Farmers' Na-

tional Bank, where he can still be found, having occupied these same quarters for over thirty years. His home is on a farm just west of Greenville, and he finds recreation in directing its operation, the property comprising 160 acres of finely improved land.

On March 10, 1880, Doctor Rarick was married to Miss Ella J. Griffin, a daughter of David and Mary (Conover) Griffin, and they have one son, Harry G. The latter took a high school course at Greenville, supplementing it with one at a commercial college, and then for seven years he was a clerk in a bank, but he is now engaged in farming in Greenville township, just outside the corporate limits of Greenville. Harry G. Rarick married Bertha Baldwin, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have a son, Robert Griffin Rarick, born December 5, 1913. Doctor Rarick and wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, which finds in them generous supporters. Dr. Rarick is a genial comrade of Jobes Post, G. A. R., of Greenville. In political faith, Doctor Rarick is a Republican, but although repeatedly urged to accept of office, has refused the honor as his practice and his private affairs have fully occupied his time and attention.

Mrs. Rarick was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, but was brought to Darke county, Ohio, with her parents when only five years old. The family located in Greenville township, where she grew to womanhood, and there she still resides. Her father was born in Ohio, and his wife in New Jersey, but they died in Darke County, Ohio, he at the age of eighty-four years, and she when ninety-four years old. They had eight children, two of whom grew to womanhood: Mrs. Rarick, and Mrs. L. E. Jones.

FRED D. COPPOCK.

The position held by Fred D. Coppock with relation to the construction of many of the most substantial buildings of Greenville, Ohio, has been of a character to leave its impress upon the city for many years to come, for he is a dealer in sand and gravel and has held contracts for furnishing these commodities to the leading builders of Darke county. As a result of years of successful business operations he is now a man of wealth, while his commercial standing is of a high rating. He was born near Pleasant Hill, Miami county, Ohio,

September 14, 1878, a son of Allen and Maria (Furnas) Coppock, and grandson of Joseph and Amelia (Jay) Coppock and Joseph and Margaret (Spencer) Furnas.

Joseph Coppock and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, where they resided until after their marriage, but later migrated to Ohio and he operated a flour mill in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill. Both he and his wife died in their new home. His birth year was the same as that which marked the outbreak of the war of 1812. Joseph Coppock and wife had a large family, among the children being the following: William, Amanda, Allen, Frank and Henry. Joseph Furnas was born in Maryland and his wife was a native of the same State. Early in their married life they came to Miami county, Ohio, where they followed farming, and died after living long and useful lives. Their four children were: Mary, Boyd,, Sarah and Maria.

Allen and Maria (Furnas) Coppock were born in Miami county, Ohio, where their lives have been spent. He was a farmer until 1903, when he retired to Pleasant Hill which continues to be his home. He and his wife are members of the Society of Friends, coming of good, old Quaker stock. During the Civil war Allen Coppock enlisted in the 100 days' service as a private, and after the expiration of his period of service, resumed his agricultural pursuits. Active in politics, he served as supervisor of his township, and member of the city council of Pleasant Hill, being a man of more than ordinary ability. He and his wife have had the following children: Sallie, who is the wife of L. A. Kessler, a resident of the vicinity of Pleasant Hill, Ohio; Joe F., who resides at Mechanicsburg, Ohio; Maggie, who is the widow of W. O. Patty of Greenville, Ohio; Fred D., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Jed, who resides at Philadelphia, Pa.; Ethel, who is the wife of Harry Brown of Greenville, Ohio; Allen, Jr., who resides at Weaver Station, Ohio.

Fred D. Coppock was reared in his native county, attending the schools of his district and the high school of Columbus, Ohio, in which he took a three years' business course. Until he was seventeen years old, he assisted his father, and then began working on his own account, making his own way through school, carrying newspapers and doing chores. While at school, he lived alone and did his own cooking, sparing himself in nothing, so anxious was he to minimize his expenses. Having completed his studies, he returned to Pleasant Hill at

the age of twenty, and was married, following which, for the first year, he and his wife resided with her father, he assisting in raising a tobacco crop. He then purchased an interest in the Peerless Wall Plaster Company of Pleasant Hill, and lived in that city for one year. Selling his interest in that concern, Mr. Coppock was interested in a sawmill business for two years, and during that period bought a sand pit at Ludlow Falls, Ohio. For a year he operated this pit, but moving to Greenville in the fall of 1903, in partnership with his father-in-law, J. H. Miles, W. O. Patty and Joe F. Coppock, he began the shipping of sand and gravel at Fort Jefferson. In time he purchased the holdings of his father-in-law his brother-in-law died, and his brother sold his interest, so that Mr. Coppock and his sister, Mrs. Patty continue the business which has developed into one of the important industries of Greenville. When he started it at Greenville, Mr. Coppock had \$1,500, but now the company is incorporated with a capital stock of \$240,000. He is interested in other enterprises, being vice-president of the U. S. Chemical Company of Greenville, and shows in every undertaking the same determined energy and untiring attention to detail that characterized him as a boy.

On May 11, 1899, Mr. Coppock was married to Miss Maude E. Miles, a daughter of John H. and Susanna (Coppock) Miles. Mr. and Mrs. Coppock became the parents of four children: Miles who died at the age of nine months; Dorothea, Eugene and one who died at birth. They belong to the Society of Friends, attending meeting at Ludlow Falls. He belongs to Pleasant Lodge, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., and Greenville Council, R. & S. M. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association No. 270, and the Elks. In politics he is a Republican. A wideawake, enterprising and public-spirited man, he has built up a splendid business, and although in the very prime of life is enjoying a prosperity that oftentimes does not come to a man until he is too old to enjoy it.

Mrs. Coppock was born on a farm in the vicinity of Laura, Miami county, Ohio, her parents being natives of the same State. She lost her mother when she was still a small child, but her father died some years later, passing away at Ludlow Falls, Ohio. These parents had two children: Clarence, who resides at Ludlow Falls, Ohio, and Mrs. Coppock.

ROBERT T. F. HUMPHREYS.

To have given the best years of a well-spent life to the faithful performance of daily duties connected with a large enterprise, is to have achieved a record worthy of a place in the list of honored men of Darke county. Such is the history of the business career of Robert F. Humphreys, roofing contractor and manufacturer of galvanized iron cornice of Greenville, Ohio, a man who has always responded when opportunity knocked at his door. He has given more than he has received in the way of faithful, conscientious service, and as a result enjoys a well-earned prosperity. Mr. Humphreys was born at Poultney, Vt., May 8, 1867, a son of Richard and Jane (Owens) Humphreys, natives of Wales, and grandson of a man and his wife who were also natives of Wales.

The paternal grandfather and his wife spent their entire lives in Wales. Among their children were: Richard, Griffith, Hugh, David and William. The maternal grandparents also were of Welsh birth and rearing who died in their native land. Among their children were: Robert Thomas, Owens, deceased, David and Jane.

Richard Humphreys was reared at Bangor, Wales, while his wife grew up at Bethesda, Wales. After their marriage they came to America and located at Fair Haven, Vt., where he made slate. Later he went to Poultney, Vt., and from there moved to Granville, N. Y., his death occurring in the latter city in 1889, when he was sixty-nine years old. His wife died in 1900, aged sixty-nine years. She was reared in the Methodist faith, while he was a Presbyterian, and after her marriage she attended church with him. Their children were as follows: John who is deceased; David, who lives at Indianapolis, Ind.; Richard, who resides at Alpha, Idaho; Owen, who resides at Rutland, Vt.; Humphrey, who resides at Alpha, Idaho; William, who is deceased; Robert T., whose name heads this review; Elizabeth, who resides at Sioux City, Iowa; Jennie, who is deceased, was the wife of A. B. Sargent; Margaret, who is the wife of H. W. Evans of New York city; Mary, who is deceased, was the wife of Robert Roberts; Catherine, who is the wife of William Davis of Poultney, Vt.; Anna, who is the wife of Albert Canada, and two who died in infancy.

Robert T. Humphreys passed his boyhood at his native place, and spent his time attending public school and assisting his father. At that age he came as far west as Fort Wayne,

Ind., and began working at the tinning and roofing trade which he has followed ever since, thus laying the foundation of his later success. Later he went to Indianapolis, Ind., where he spent thirteen years and then came to Greenville, Ohio, in 1900, establishing his present business, owning a finely equipped plant which comprises all necessary machinery and appliances of the most modern pattern. His product is recognized for its excellence and his volume of trade shows an annual healthy and legitimate increase.

On June 28, 1899, Mr. Humphreys married Miss Tunna Daisy Cunningham, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Emily (Stout) Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys have three children, namely: Robert C., Mabel Florence and Richard Franklin. They are members of the Methodist church which Mr. Humphreys is serving as trustee. He belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M., of which he was master for two years; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Matchett Council, R. & S. M.; Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T.; Antioch Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, being a charter member of the Dayton consistory. Politically, he espouses the principles of the Republican party, but has not sought office, as his own affairs have fully occupied him.

Mrs. Humphreys was born at Paragon, Ind. Her parents were natives of the same State, and her father died in that State, at Martinsville, aged thirty-eight years, having been a druggist. His widow survives. Their family consisted of seven daughters, namely: Callie, who is the wife of H. H. Nutter; Emma, who is the wife of Gus Abbott; Anna, who is the wife of Charles O. Abbott; Tunna Daisy, who is Mrs. Humphreys; Ida F., who is the wife of Clarence Neal, and Rana, deceased, who was the wife of C. E. Watson, and Lula, who is the wife of Paul Begeman. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Humphreys was Dow Cunningham, who married Sarah Watkins. They were natives of Virginia, becoming early settlers of Morgan county, Indiana. There they died while still in middle life, as did many pioneers of frontier States who worked so hard and suffered so many privations. They were not able to withstand the ravages of disease prevalent in undeveloped countries. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Humphreys, John and Eleanor (Ellett) Stout were also born in Virginia, coming of Holland-Dutch stock. They came to Monroe county, Indiana, in early married life, locating at

Ellettsville, which town was laid out on the site of their farm, and named for Mrs. Stout's family. There they died, having accumulated much of this world's goods, at an advanced age. Among their children were: Sarah, Mary, Amanda, Belle, Hannah, Emily, Lou and James K. Polk Stout.

HARRY VANCE.

That men do not find the niche for which they consider themselves especially fitted is due largely to their inability to fit themselves for those niches which they could occupy with profit and honor. They are content to plod along in a groove without trying to better their condition or changing their environment, but Harry Vance of Greenville, Ohio, does not belong to this class. Although he has done well whatever he has attempted, he has never ceased to forge ahead, making every change for the better and today stands among the leading grocers of Darke county, his establishment being conveniently located at No. 438 South Broadway, while his residence is at No. 615 Washington avenue. He was born in Van Buren township, Darke county, Ohio, March 5, 1870, a son of James H. and Mary C. (Schreel) Vance, and grandson of Michael and Rebecca (Mills) Vance and George Schreel and Rose Schreel.

Michael Vance was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in New Jersey, and they became early settlers of Montgomery county, Ohio, later moving to Van Buren township, Darke county that same State. There they died after they had attained to a considerable age, he being over sixty and she over eighty years old at the time of their demise. They had a large family as follows: George, John, James H., Curless, Mrs. John Livingston, Mrs. Anthony Olwine, Mrs. William Wikle and Mrs. Mary Small. The maternal grandfather, George Schreel married a Miss Gentner, a native of Pennsylvania, but he was born in Germany. They became settlers of Preble county, Ohio, at a day when pioneer conditions prevailed, and they lived on their property near Pymont until death claimed them at an advanced age. Their family consisted of the following children: John, Charles, George, William, Julius, Isaac, Mary, Rose (first wife of Samuel Westfield), Sophia, Dora and Nettie.

Both James H. Vance and his estimable wife were natives of Ohio, and he was reared in Montgomery county, developing into a farmer, but came to Darke county, locating in Van Buren township. For many years he operated an excellent farming property, and was engaged in these agricultural pursuits until his removal to Greenville, Ohio, about 1903. This city has since been his place of residence, he living here retired. His wife died in 1908, aged fifty-seven years. Both early connected themselves with the United Brethren church. During the Civil war James H. Vance was a soldier in the Union army, being in the one-hundred-day service. He and his wife had seven children, five of whom grew to maturity: Harry, who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Daisy, who is the wife of J. C. Martin of Greenville, Ohio; Rose, who is the wife of C. O. Niswonger of Pittsburg, Ohio; Virgil, who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Charles, who is deceased, and two who died in childhood.

Harry Vance was brought up on his father's farming property in Van Buren township, where he attended the neighborhood schools, later going to the Van Buren academy, a select school established by C. L. Brunbaugh, now a representative in congress. Still later he went to the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, following which he taught school for thirteen years. During this period he studied men and their needs so that when he went to Pittsburg, Ohio, he was able to conduct successfully a general store in partnership with C. O. Niswonger for four years. At the expiration of this period, Mr. Vance sold to his partner, and coming to Greenville opened his present store and for seven years has supplied a large number of people with fine and staple groceries, building up a profitable business and winning the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is associated.

On December 25, 1894, Mr. Vance was united in marriage with Miss Anna Cline, a daughter of Henry M. and Mary C. (Shephard) Cline. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vance, namely Herbert, Howard, William, Ralph, Mary, Florence, John and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Vance belong to the United Brethren church of which they are consistent members. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a Democrat, and he represents his party on the school board.

The birth of Mrs. Vance took place at Arcanum, Ohio. Her father was born at Salem, Ohio, and her mother in Darke

county, this State, and both are now residing at Arcanum. Their children are as follows: David, Michael, Albert, Anna, Harry and Elma.

Mr. Vance is one of the live, progressive men of Darke county and one who can be depended upon to give his support to all measures which make for good citizenship. He is fully awake to the possibilities of his neighborhood and his ambition leads him to look forward to a further advance in his own fortunes and those of his associates in civic matters.

Mr. Vance has also a large grocery store at 112-114 E. Third street, which is managed by his eldest son, Herbert A. Vance. The above store for many years was known as the Lockwood grocery.

W. OMER PATTY.

Through various changes in business, the late W. Omer Patty of Greenville, Ohio, maintained his standard of high principles, and while he was enterprising, industrious and successful, he was a man of intelligence and high ideals, although modest and retiring in disposition. He interpreted life and duty in the terms of manliness of character and faithfully strove to be a living example of his faith. With a high sense of honor and integrity, he was true to his convictions of right and duty, and fearless in advocating those things which he believed would be for the betterment of the world. Governed by principle rather than policy, he earned and retained the respect of his associates, and his integrity of character was universally recognized.

A kind and loving husband and father, he left his family and community bereft of one who made life better for his living. From early childhood he was a member of the Christian Church and his faith bore fruit in his earnest Christian character. He believed in prohibition and voted as he prayed and did much effective work for his cause and won his associates to his way of thinking. The purity of his life and his admirable character contributed much to the moral tone of his community, and his business industry, ability uprightness have added materially to its wealth and prosperity.

W. Omer Patty was brought up at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, where he was graduated from the public and high schools.

He later attended college at Ada, Ohio, and the Wilks Business College at Dayton, Ohio. Following this thorough preparation he embarked in the grain business at Pleasant Hill with C. M. Patty and John G. Myers, which association continued profitably for a couple of years. Later he moved to Fletcher, Ohio, where he continued his grain operations for four years. In 1903 he moved to Greenville and was associated with Fred D. and Joe F. Coppock and his father, Doctor Patty, in the lumber business, the firm operating the landed estate of Mr. DeCamp. At the death of Mr. Patty his widow and sons and her brother, Fred Coppock, continued the business.

In the spring of 1891, W. O. Patty was united in marriage with Margaret A. Coppock, a daughter of Allen and Maria Furnas Coppock. To this union were given three sons, Clarence E., born Jan. 22, 1892; Joseph Charles, born Nov. 15, 1896, and Wm. Allen, born Feb. 6, 1907. Allen Coppock was a son of Joseph and Sarah Jay Coppock. He enlisted in Company A, 147th regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served four months as a soldier in the Civil war. He joined the Masons in 1868, and is a member of Dan Williams Post, G. A. R. No. 369. Margaret Spencer, the mother of Maria Coppock, was born in South Carolina, and the father, Joseph Furnas, was born and reared in Miami county, on the farm his father entered.

In 1849 Doctor Patty and Sarah Jane Dowell, daughter of Charles and Nancy Dowell, were united in marriage, and at the age of sixty-two years her spirit took its flight to the "far away home of the soul," from a very kind, affectionate and devoted home life where her qualities shone most brilliantly. Doctor Patty was born in 1827 in Montgomery county, Ohio. He was Scotch descent on his father's side and on his mother's side French and English. He was the son of Chas. and Phoebe Pearson Patty, of South Carolina. For fifty-two years he practiced medicine at Laura and Pleasant Hill. He was not only active as a physician, but as a citizen; was a member of the Masonic Order of Pleasant Hill. He was a man characterized by a strong mind and did much reading and thinking. The last thing he wrote in his own autobiography were these words, "Glad day when I shall set out to join not only that great company of disembodied spirits, but my own son, Omer, than whom was never better man born, nor more full of filial affection."

Then after two years of eager waiting he was called to this

reunion from the home of Mrs. W. O. Patty, after a life of eighty-five years, rich in ministrations and usefulness to a large community of people in which he was a friend and counsellor.

ADELBERT MARTZ.

Efficiency and practical application of advanced ideas with regard to finance have marked the career of Adelbert Martz, cashier of The Greenville National Bank, which is located on the corner of Fourth street and Broadway. He has bent every energy in this direction, seeking to broaden and deepen every possible highway of knowledge, to afford the patrons of the bank every facility, and to place upon a firm foundation the credit of his institution. To Mr. Martz and men of his type Darke county owes much of its advance not only in substantial material lines, but on the higher level of good citizenship. Their lives should stand as examples for their associates, and their work honored in the years to come. Mr. Martz was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 28, 1868, a son of Jacob T. and Esther Mary (Jamison) Martz, and grandson of John Martz, and James M. and Elizabeth (High) Jamison.

John Martz and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, where he became a farmer, but moved to Darke county, Ohio, as early as 1816, when he was eighteen years of age. He located on property four miles south of Greenville, and became the owner of 160 acres of government land. This he farmed for many years, but died at Greenville in 1882, aged eighty-four years. His wife died when still comparatively young, having borne him the following children: George H., Jacob T., Elizabeth Rice, Rebecca Boyer, William, and a daughter who died when about eighteen years old. The maternal grandfather, James M. Jamison, and his wife, were also natives of Pennsylvania, who early located at Delaware, Ohio, where Mr. Jamison found good land for his agricultural operations. After many years of useful endeavor, both died, having had a good sized family, among their children being the following: Angeline E., Esther M., George W. Millie H., Lizzie, and Robert H.

Jacob T. Martz was born in Darke county, Ohio, while his wife was a native of Delaware, Ohio. He had more complete educational advantages than fall to the lot of most farmers' sons, as he was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University

at Delaware, Ohio, in 1858, having taken the classical course. Following this he took up the study of law, and practiced his profession for many years, attaining to distinction in it. A man of unusual ability he naturally became a distinctive factor in the life of his community and served as city superintendent of schools from 1867 to 1888. In the latter year he resumed the practice of law and so continued until his death on February 28, 1911, when he was seventy-eight years old. His wife had passed away in 1902, aged sixty-two years, dying, as did he, firm in the faith of the Methodist church, of which during life they had been earnest and conscientious members. Their children, four in number, were: John H., who resides at Greenville; Adelbert; and James J., who also resides at Greenville; and Benjamin F., who resides at Indianapolis, Ind. John H. is in the insurance business with offices on Broadway. James J. is superintendent of Greenville schools, taught for eleven years, and on April 7, 1908, was elected superintendent of schools and is now serving his sixth year as superintendent.

Adelbert Martz is a product of Greenville where he was reared and educated, being graduated from the grammar and high schools, leaving the latter in 1887. Immediately thereafter he entered upon his financial career as a messenger boy for the Greenville National Bank, seeking in this way to learn the business from the bottom up. The natural ability and dependable qualities of the lad received recognition and he was promoted in due time to be bookkeeper and teller, and in 1893 was made assistant cashier, which office he retained until the death of F. T. Conklin, the cashier. Mr. Martz was the logical man for the vacant position and was immediately promoted to fill it, the action on the part of the board of directors receiving the approbation of the patrons of the bank who appreciated the sterling qualities of Mr. Martz. The old Greenville Bank is one of the sound institutions of Darke county, and was established in 1874, as a private bank, developing into a state bank in 1889, and assumed its present form in 1904 with a capital stock of \$100,000. Much of its present standing is due to Mr. Martz, who is a past master of its affairs, and one of the most thoroughly informed men upon banking matters in this part of the State.

On May 20, 1891, Mr. Martz was married to Miss Lillian Gable, a daughter of Lucian and Mary A. (Scott) Gable. Mr. and Mrs. Martz have had two children: Joseph A. and Beatrice. Both Joseph and Beatrice are graduates of the Green-

ville High School. Joseph was graduated in 1909, and Miss Beatrice in 1911. Joseph later attended the Ohio State University and is now in his senior year. He is taking a ceramics engineering course. Miss Beatrice is now in her third year at the Ohio State University. Mrs. Martz is and has been for years a member of the Columbian Club. Mr. and Mrs. Martz are members of the Methodist Church and are highly esteemed in that connection. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is active in that order. A Republican, he has cast the strength of his influence for the candidates of his party, although himself not being willing to assume the duties of public office, believing that his energies ought to be conserved for those of his responsible position.

CORNELIUS O'BRIEN.

With a natural love of flowers, Cornelius O'Brien combines a practical knowledge of their needs and the best methods for producing them. As a florist he has earned a well-merited distinction and his greenhouses are noted throughout Darke county, although they are little more than a decade old. He is conveniently located at No. 146 North Broadway, Greenville, Ohio, and markets his product over a wide territory. Mr. O'Brien was born in Neave township, near Baker's store, Darke county, Ohio, January 1, 1864, a son of Cornelius and Louisa (Bryant) O'Brien, and grandson of Cornelius and Margaret (Ryan) O'Brien, and Joseph and Margaret (Adams) Bryant. Cornelius O'Brien, the grandfather, was born in Ireland and lost his wife prior to his leaving his native land for America. His death occurred in New York State. Their children were: Michael, Patrick, James, Cornelius, Ellen, Maggie, Bridget and Mary Ann. Joseph Bryant, the maternal grandfather, and his wife were natives of England, where he died while a minister of the Established Church. His widow came to America and was a resident of Darke county, Ohio, for a number of years, dying there in 1873, when about seventy years old. She and her husband had three children: Jennie, Albert and Louisa.

Cornelius O'Brien, the father, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, while his wife was born in Somersetshire, England. The father was reared in his native land until he was eighteen

years old, when he came to the United States, and located in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, in 1853, moving to Greenville during his latter years, living there retired, his death occurring in 1908, when he was seventy-seven years old. His wife died in 1889, aged fifty-five years. Although he was reared a Catholic and she an Episcopalian, they both joined the United Brethren Church of Mount Zion, Neave township, and died firm in the faith of that denomination. During the Civil war, the father enlisted for the 100-day service in the 152nd Ohio volunteer infantry as a private and did his duty as a soldier, as he carried out his obligations as a private citizen faithfully and well. He and his wife had the following children: Ellen, who is the wife of Stephen A. Tullis, of Dayton, Ohio; William S., who is of Greenville; Cornelius, whose name heads this review; Hattie, who is the wife of James Keefauver, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Albert, who is of Union City, Ind.; Emmett, who is of Greenville, Ohio; Joseph J., who is of Greenville, Ohio; Edward W., who is also of Greenville; James, who is of Dayton, Ohio, and two who died in childhood.

Cornelius O'Brien, of whom we write, grew to manhood on his father's farm in Greenville township near the fair grounds, and attended the schools of his district. Until he had become of age he resided at home, rendering a filial assistance to his parents, but after that he worked for others by the day. In 1902 he established his present business and has developed it into a flourishing concern, his greenhouse comprising about 12,000 feet of glass, and his floral gardens covering ample space for his needs.

On May 18, 1889, Mr. O'Brien married Miss Cora A. Judy, a daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Karn) Judy. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien are earnest members of the Reformed church of which he is a deacon. In politics Mr. O'Brien is a Republican, but he has never sought or desired office, as his inclinations are not for a public life, for he prefers to devote himself to his business and his home. The latter is an excellent one, his residence being modern and surrounded by two acres of land.

Mrs. O'Brien was born in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio, March 29, 1868. Her parents were both natives of Ohio, her father having been born in Darke county, and her mother in Butler county, this State. The former died June 16, 1901, aged sixty-four years, but the latter survives, now being seventy-three years old. They were farming people and during the winter months he taught school for some years, as he was

a well informed man of superior ability. During the Civil war he served his country as a soldier for three months in the Forty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, and for three years in the Ninety-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, being captain of Company I, in the latter. During his service he participated in a number of the important and decisive battles of the war. He and his wife had five children: Cora A., Minnie M., Mildred, Clarence, and Wilbur.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. O'Brien, Michael Judy, married Margaret Kurtz, and both were born near Germantown, Ohio. They became early settlers of Darke county and helped in developing, as did their seven sons; David, Matthias, Michael, John, Daniel, Jacob and Samuel.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. O'Brien was Henry Karn and his wife bore the maiden name of Susan Good. Both were born in Pennsylvania, but later moved to Ohio, where he was a miller and operated a saw and flour mill and a distillery in Butler county, that State. The grandmother died in middle life, but he attained to an advanced age. They had the following children: Reuben, John, Henry, David, Nathan, Susan, Elizabeth and Amanda.

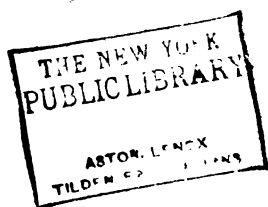
HENRY M. COPPESS.

Descended from honored ancestry and himself numbered among the leading citizens of Darke county, Ohio, the subject of this sketch is entitled to specific recognition in a work of this character. A lifelong residence in this county has but strengthened his hold on the hearts of the people with whom he has been associated, and today no one here enjoys a larger circle of warm friends and acquaintances who esteem him because of his sterling qualities of character and his business ability. In an official capacity he is now discharging his duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and is adding to the prestige to which he had already attained.

Henry M. Coppess was born in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, on the 15th day of November, 1858. He is descended from a sterling line of ancestors, his paternal grandfather, David Coppess, who was a native of North Carolina, having been a pioneer settler of this county. In his native State he married Mary Smith and together they entered Darke



Wm. Coffey
Wife & Daughter



county at a time when the land was mainly covered with a dense forest growth, which was infested with Indians and all kinds of wild game. They cleared and improved a farm, built a log cabin and started life here under typical pioneer conditions. This first log cabin home was subsequently replaced with a more modern and substantial residence. Some of their early experiences were far from pleasant, it being related that they found it necessary to build fires around their cabin home at night to frighten the wolves away, and that squirrels were so numerous that they practically ate up the corn crops. Here David Coppess spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring there, and he was survived by his widow, who died at the home of her son, John S. They had a large family of children, namely: Daniel, Cyrus, Adam, John S., David, Chipman, Nancy, Catherine, and Mary Ann, of whom John S. was the father of the subject of this sketch. The latter was born and reared and spent his entire life in Darke county, receiving his education in the district schools. He was reared to the life of a farmer, which vocation he followed in Richland township, where he developed a fine farm of one hundred and forty-two acres, in addition to which he also acquired the ownership of forty-four acres of land in Brown township, this county. He and his son Henry engaged in the grain business for some years at Stelvideo, this county, but he retired from active business pursuits some years before his death, which occurred in 1903, at the age of seventy-two years. He had survived his wife many years, her death occurring in 1873, at the early age of thirty-eight years. Religiously, John S. Coppess was a member of the Newlight Christian church. During the war of the Rebellion he was twice drafted for service. The first time he hired a substitute, while the second time he went as far as Camp Chase, where his company was discharged. He was prominent in the civic and public life of his community, having served as township trustee for a number of years, and was also at one time a director of the county infirmary.

John S. Coppess married Rebecca Hitz, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio. Her father, John Hitz, was a native of Germany, who came to America with a brother, landing at New York city, where they became separated and never again met or got into communication with each other. John Hitz removed to Pennsylvania, where he married. He and his wife started for Ohio in a one-horse wagon, their jour-

ney terminating near Dayton, where for a time Mr. Hitz engaged in farming. He then came to Darke county and settled on a farm in Richland township, where they spent the remainder of their days, the mother living to the advanced age of ninety-three years. They became the parents of four children, Rebecca, Charlotte, Henry V. and Isaac. To John S. and Rebecca (Hitz) Coppess were born the following children: Henry M., the immediate subject of this sketch; Harman C., of Ansonia, Ohio; C. L. V., of Covington, Ohio; Charlotte, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Hollopeter; Ida May, wife of Milton Boyer, who resides on the old home farm in Richland township, and George W., who died at the age of eighteen months.

Henry M. Coppess was reared on his father's farm in Richland township, receiving his education in the common schools. He remained at home until his marriage, when he rented his father's farm, which he operated for six years. In 1886 he engaged in the grain business at Stelvideo, in partnership with his father, and is now the owner of that enterprise, which during the years has had a successful record. In 1910 Mr. Coppess, having acquired enough of material wealth to insure him against embarrassment, moved to Greenville, with the intention of retiring from active affairs and spending his days in the enjoyment of that rest which he had so richly earned. However, in March, 1913, he was prevailed upon to accept the appointment of deputy sheriff of Darke county, which position he is now filling. The duties of the office are not particularly onerous, though demanding thoroughness and careful attention, and Mr. Coppess is filling the position with satisfaction to all concerned.

On November 21, 1879, Henry M. Coppess married Lucy A. Bowman, who was born in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio, the daughter of Edward and Sarah (Honness) Bowman. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Darke county. Both are now deceased. They were the parents of five children, Elizabeth, Joseph, Lucy A., Mary J., and one who died in early childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Coppess have no children of their own, but they have an adopted daughter, Marguerite. All three are members of the Newlight Christian church. Fraternally, Mr. Coppess is a member of the Knights of Pythias, while his political views are in harmony with the tenets of the Democratic party. He is numbered among the solid and substantial men of the community, in the

welfare of which he maintains an intelligent interest. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of farm land, eighty of which are a part of his father's old farm and forty acres of his wife's former home. His career has been that of an honorable, enterprising and successful business man, and in all of life's relations he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has come into contact.

JOHN C. TURPEN.

There has been no period in recorded history when the caring for the dead has not been a feature of even savage life, and the ceremonies have been of a character that has been marked by the measure of civilization. Study the habits and customs of every nation and it will be found that a reverence has been paid to the dead, oftentimes such as was not given to the living, and even the most brutal savage tribes in the deepest wilderness, even those who make human sacrifices as a part of religious rites, can point to their stone crypts, their burning temples, their funeral barks, or their tree-top burials. There never has been, however, a time when the proper, dignified, sanitary conduct of funerals and disposal of the remains of those whose life work has ended, have been so complete as at present. Funeral directors and undertakers of the present day in America are no longer mere mechanics, but on the other hand are carefully trained in their profession and often are graduates of more than one college. Methods of body preservation which formerly were considered lost arts, are well known now, and have been vastly improved upon. Taking all these considerations into account it is easy to understand the importance and dignity of an undertaker, and one who fully lives up to the expectations of him and his profession is John Calvin Turpin of No. 118 West Fifth street, Greenville, Ohio, whose residence is at No. 214 Washington avenue. He was born four miles north of Greenville, Ohio, October 31, 1845, a son of Thomas P. and Mary Jane (Hunter) Turpen, and grandson of Henry Turpen, and John and Hannah (Dear-dorff) Hunter.

Henry Turpen married Mary Hubbard, daughter of George Hubbard the fifth, one of the prominent families of Middletown, Conn., George Hubbard first, came to Middletown in

1650. He was on the committee of court March, 1657, with Talcott, Mason and others. He was one of the first settlers in the colony, and was appointed with two others in 1656, to survey the town of Westfield. He was born in England in 1590 and married Elizabeth Watts. Henry Turpen located in Darke county in 1837, and he and his wife died within its confines. Their family consisted of children as follows: George H., William S., Joseph J., Thomas P., Enos, Maria, Emeline, Jeannette, Sophronia and Lucy. The Turpen family is of English origin, the American founder of it coming from England to New York State, where representatives are doubtless to be found. John Hunter was a farmer, who seeking cheaper land, came to Darke county, Ohio, when it was still a wilderness, moving hence from Warren county, same State. Both of them attained to a dignified old age. They had the following children: Mary Jane, Margaret, Eliza, Daniel D. and David.

Thomas P. Turpen and his wife were born in Warren county, Ohio, but he was taken to Darke county when seventeen years old, and lived with his parents in Greenville township until attaining his majority. Later on he moved to Greenville, where for some years he was a prominent factor in the dry goods business of that city. He was also employed by the United States government mail service. During the Civil war, when the service of loyal competent men was required and so sorely needed, he was county treasurer for two terms, and while discharging the duties of this office, was also engaged in conducting a grocery. In 1871 he built the Turpen House, and conducted it for several years. His energetic nature found further expression in the manufacture of furniture, but at last, a few years prior to his death, in September, 1889, he retired, passing away at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Turpen survived him until the following January, when she, too, passed away, both having been firm in their membership in the Presbyterian church. Their children, five in number, were as follows: John C., the subject of this review; William V., who is deceased; Daniel B., who is at Sacramento, Cal.; Frank, who resides at Birmingham, Ala., and Lucy, who died in early childhood.

John C. Turpen while attending the public schools of Greenville participated in the sports of his day, and grew up a healthy, normal boy. Later he continued his studies at Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., and for one term at Albion College. Returning to Greenville, Ohio, he took a course

at the commercial college of Dayton, Ohio, leaving it to become a deputy under County Auditor O. C. Perry, which position he held for five years. He then embarked in the undertaking business, beginning his association with it in February, 1873, and for over forty years has followed that profession, now being the oldest in his line in Darke county, and certainly one of the most efficient and reliable. In 1878 he was elected county auditor on the Democratic ticket and held that office until 1884.

On January 21, 1869, Mr. Turpen was united in marriage with Miss Martha Wharry, a daughter of Judge John and Eliza (Duncan) Wharry, and they became the parents of seven children: Mary, Fred, Clara, Maggie, Richard, John and one who died in infancy. Of these children Mary married Lewis Steinhilber and has two children, Margaret and Clara Steinhilber. Fred is living at Mobile, Ala., where he is in the employ of the New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago Railroad Company's general offices. He married Marie Esquerre and they have two sons, John E. and Fred W. Clara married William F. Grimes and they live at Dayton, Ohio. They have had three children—Turpen, William and John C. Richard lives in St. Paul, Minn., being secretary of the Northwestern Lime Company. John lives at Oklahoma City, Okla. He married Mary Little and they have two children—Dorothy and Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. Turpen are members of the Episcopal church, of which he has been junior warden for eighteen years. Fraternally he belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M., and is secretary of the lodge. He also belongs to the consistory or the Valley of Dayton, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and an Odd Fellow, being connected in that order with Champion Lodge.

Mrs. Turpen was born at Greenville, Ohio, August 20, 1843, her parents being early settlers of the city. Mr. Wharry was an attorney-at-law and judge of the probate court, but is now deceased, as is his wife. Their children were: Kenneth, Duncan, James, John, Martha, Margaret, Eliza, Mary, Lucy and Abbie.

Mr. Turpen is one of the substantial business men of Greenville, and is held in highest esteem by his large circle of friends and acquaintances, who are to be found all over Darke county.

Mr. Turpen has in his possession a paper by Capt. George Hubbard, written May 29, 1781, giving the number of

men in his company from captain down to the rank and file which is proof that the descendants are eligible to the Sons of American Revolution and Daughters of American Revolution.

HEZEKIAH WOODS.

Fostering a local spirit, striving to make his associates proud of his locality and to awaken in them a realization that they are responsible for its condition, thus starting them on the road to good citizenship, this has been the aim of Hezekiah Woods, of No. 123 West Main street, Greenville, Ohio, especially since he retired from his life work of farming. He was born in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, December 9, 1849, and is intensely proud of his section. His parents were William and Lucretia (Nevious) Woods, while his grandparents were James and Rebecca (Oliver) Woods, and Albert and Hettie (Bellus) Nevious.

James Woods and his wife were both born at Newark, Pa., but became pioneers of Darke county, Ohio, making the trip from the old home to the new in wagons, locating in the timber, on the John North place south of Greenville. The Woods family did not come alone, but were accompanied by two other families, those of Jesse Woods and John Woods, the three being cousins. These three families brought with them forty head of cattle and sixteen horses. James Woods died in Darke county, at Hill Grove, after he had rounded out a long and useful life, in which there was recorded nothing of which he or his descendants need to have been ashamed. His widow survived him many years, passing away at Mingo, Iowa, at the extraordinary age of 104 years. They had a large family, among their children being the following: Hezekiah, Oliver, William, Rebecca, Jane, Washington and Rachel. The maternal grandfather, Albert Nevious, was born in New York State, as was his wife, and they moved to Darke county during its pioneer history, settling first at Fort Jefferson, Ohio, coming to that point from Ligonier, Ind. They died at Fort Jefferson in middle life, having had five children, namely: Joseph, William, David, Lucretia and Pearlina.

William Woods and his wife were born in Darke county, Ohio, he being reared at points in Neave and Jackson townships, but the greater portion of his married life was spent

in Brown township, where he owned and operated 240 acres of land upon which he reared his family. His first wife, mother of Hezekiah Woods, died on that farm in 1873, aged fifty-two years, having borne her husband six children: Christopher F., who resides at Union City, Ind.; Enos, who is deceased; Hezekiah, who is of Greenville, Ohio; Benjamin F., who is deceased; Francis Marion, who is deceased; Pearlina, who married John Graham, of Des Moines, Iowa. His second wife was Martha Frazier and they had no children. For years William Woods was a consistent member of the Methodist church, dying in its faith October 26, 1906, aged eighty-two years. His widow survives him. During his active years he held the offices of township trustee and treasurer for several terms and was a man of unblemished character, and highest efficiency whose influence was felt in his community, even after death had removed him.

Hezekiah Woods grew to manhood's estate in Brown township, learning how to perform agricultural work while attending the district schools, and so well had he been prepared, and so rapid was his work that he was graduated therefrom in twenty-seven days. After he attained his majority he began working out by the day, although prior to that he had remained at home with his father, but as soon as he was able he bought land in Brown township, to which he added until he owned 140 acres, and lived upon his property until the death of his first wife, when he rented it, and for the following fourteen years was a commercial traveler. He then married a second time, and resumed his agricultural operations, continuing them until in March, 1911, when feeling that he had earned a rest, he once more rented his farm, moved to Greenville, Ohio, and since then has lived in comfort at his pleasant home which he owns. He still owns his farm, and is in very comfortable circumstances, the result of a well-spent, industrious life. The Woods residence is on the identical spot of ground where the treaty of peace was signed between General Wayne and the Indians in 1795, so that it is an interesting point at Greenville. Mr. Woods has always been a practical farmer, and embodied in his work some of the more advanced ideas regarding the performing of agricultural duties, although he does not advocate theoretical farming. A Democrat, he has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his party, but has never sought for public preferment, as he has believed he

could accomplish more by exerting his influence as a private citizen, although he did serve as trustee of Brown township.

On October 24, 1872, Mr. Woods was married (first) to Miss Nancy M. Wagner, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Jones) Wagner, who bore him two children: Charles Jefferson, and Mabel Claire. The former is a physician at Darien, Ga., and he married Kate Johnston. Mabel Claire married Frank Eatwell, they live at Mingo, Ia., and have two children, Margaret and Carroll. Mrs. Woods died April 11, 1890, aged forty-four years. On July 25, 1896, Mr. Woods married Miss Mary Lee Sprigg, a daughter of James and Jane (Jordan) Sprigg. Mrs. Woods is a member of the Episcopal church. She was born at Huntsville, Ala., her mother being a native of that State, although her father was born in Maryland, but came to Alabama, where he married. He was a soldier in the Confederate army and was wounded, dying at Camp Chase in 1864. His widow died the following year, having had three children: John, who is deceased; James, who is deceased; and Mary. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Woods, Joseph Sprigg, married Jane Duncan and both died in Maryland, where he was a farmer, having had ten children: Richard, William, James, Joseph, John, Ross, Horace, Joshua, Mary, and Van Lear.

STANLEY E. MOTE.

Perhaps no profession to which intelligent men devote themselves demands a greater diversity of natural gifts than does the law and those who embrace it as a life work are generally found to be men of ambition whose technical training has made them the peers of their fellow men in intellectual and very often in the most practical paths of usefulness. Stanley E. Mote, who is a member of the bar of Darke county, Ohio, is professionally established in Suite 2, Anderson Block, Broadway, Greenville, with residence at No. 336 Switzer street. He was born at Weaver Station, in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, February 12, 1878, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth A. (Leas) Mote, and a grandson of Enoch and Catherine (Burkett) Mote.

Enoch Mote was born in North Carolina and was brought from there to Darke county in 1804, a child four years old. His parents located near West Milton, securing land in Monroe

township, and there he spent all his active life, in advanced age moving into the village of West Milton, where he subsequently died. His wife, Catherine (Burkett) Mote, was born in Georgia. They were parents of the following children: Mary, who married John Crick; Dilly, who married Abraham Baker and after his death married Levi Burkett; John, Philip, Epsie, who died in infancy; Joseph; Margaret, who married Samuel Glant; and Noah, who died as a soldier in the Civil war. William Leas, the maternal grandfather, with his first wife, was an early settler in Fort Jefferson. He was a man of considerable business enterprise, a farmer, a tanner and a shoemaker. To this marriage William Leas had two children born to him: Elizabeth A. and Melissa, the former of whom married Joseph Mote and the latter A. M. Hecker. For his second wife William Leas married a Miss Crane and they had two children: William E. and Mary Ann, the latter of whom married John Hofferbert.

Joseph Mote, father of Stanley E. Mote, was born in Darke county, Ohio. During early manhood he taught school when not assisting his father. Early in the progress of the Civil war he enlisted in Company E, 48th Ohio volunteer infantry, and served three years, although he had been reared a Quaker. After his long period of military service he returned to Darke county and resumed school teaching, in which he continued until prepared to engage in merchandising. For a few years he conducted a store at Fort Jefferson and then removed to Weaver Station, where he was a merchant for over thirty years. In 1907 he moved to Greenville and lived retired, surrounded by the comforts of life until his death in 1911, at the age of seventy-three years. He occupied a leading place in his community and during almost the entire time that he lived at Weaver Station, was postmaster as well as express, freight and ticket agent. He married Elizabeth A. Leas, who survives, being now in her seventieth year. She is a member of the Christian Church. Eight children were born to them: Elmer E., who is in business in San Francisco, Cal.; Alvin J., who is a resident of East St. Louis, Ill.; Walter H., who makes his home in Kansas City, Mo.; William E. and John H., both of whom are in business in San Francisco; and Stanley E. and Mabel E., both of whom are residents of Greenville. This widely separated family has always been noted for its recognition of the ties of kindred and no one member is ever forgotten by brother or sister.

Stanley E. Mote was reared at Weaver Station and was a student in the public schools, afterward taking both a literary and a law course in Ohio Northern University at Ada, from which he was graduated in 1904. In the following year he was admitted to the Ohio bar and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Greenville, where he has continued until the present. His practice is general in its character and he has had the satisfaction of being successfully and honorably connected with some very important litigation. His political convictions have caused him to give loyal support to the Republican party but he has been very backward about accepting political recognition, at present serving, however, as clerk of the board of elections. He finds needed relaxation in his fraternal association with the Improved Order of Red Men. Before being admitted to the bar, Stanley E. Mote taught school for five years. All his brothers, as well as his sisters, taught school. Thus one will see that Stanley E. Mote's father and mother, as well as the children, were teachers. Mrs. Stanley E. Mote also was a teacher.

On April 26, 1907, Mr. Mote was married to Miss Bessie E. Swadener, who is a daughter of Albert and Jennie (Fields) Swadener, and they have two children, Joseph S. and Alberta. Mrs. Mote is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Mote were Jesse and Wilmuth (Browder) Fields, who were early settlers in this section of Ohio, as were her paternal grandparents. Her father and mother were born in Ohio and at the time of her birth were residents of Darke county. The mother died, but the father survives and now lives at Yellow Springs, Ohio. They had a family of seven children: Frank, Ophus, Viola, Ralph, Bessie E., Nellie, and one who died in infancy. Viola is the wife of Theodore Kuehn.

Enoch Mote, grandfather of our subject, came to Darke county about 1824 and developed a farm in Monroe township. The deed for the first land he purchased was signed by John Quincy Adams and the second by Andrew Jackson. Joseph Mote, son of Enoch and father of Stanley E., the subject of our sketch, enlisted for service in the Civil war September 15, 1861, in Company E, 48th Ohio volunteer infantry, as a private, but later was promoted corporal. After three years and two months of faithful and arduous service he was honorably discharged in December, 1864. As a Republican he took an active part in local politics. In 1900 he was a delegate to

the State convention at Columbus and was a delegate when McKinley was nominated for Governor of Ohio. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms of the National Convention at St. Louis in 1896.

ROBERT A. SHUFFELTON.

Since 1870 Robert A. Shuffelton has been an exceedingly important factor in the commercial life of Greenville, Ohio, during that period displaying remarkable business capacity that called for a wonderfully systematic mind and great quickness of perception, and now although somewhat retired from his former activities, his advice is sought and acted upon by those who appreciate the value of his experiences and the keenness of his judgment. Mr. Shuffelton was born at Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, November 9, 1844, a son of Josiah and Nancy M. (Shepherd) Shuffelton, and grandson of George and Elizabeth (Hulse) Shuffelton, and John and Nancy (Merrill) Shepherd.

George Shuffelton was a native of Pennsylvania, and his wife was also born in the Keystone State, but they came to Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, at a period when it was still under pioneer conditions, and they had to contend with them. A carpenter, he found plenty of work, and built the first jail, going into the timber and cutting the wood for the jail door from one tree, the single slab proving an effective closing for the opening into the small building. In time he became a boss carpenter and was engaged upon many of the buildings at Bellefontaine and nearby points. Both he and his wife lived into an honorable old age, and died highly respected by all who knew him. Their children, ten in number, were: John, George, Josiah, Clay, William, Price, Sicha, Matilda, Emerilla and Druscilla. John Shepherd, the maternal grandfather of Robert A. Shuffelton, was born in North Carolina, but his wife was born in Virginia. He was a Methodist preacher and exhorter, and very eloquent. His ministerial work took them to Bellefontaine early in its history and he passed away at that place in middle life, his widow surviving him until she was ninety-seven years old. They had a large family, among the children being: James, Slith Meade, William, Mary, Arpatia, Martha, Nancy and Lucinda.

Josiah Shuffelton was born in Ohio, but his wife was a Vir-

ginian. He first learned the cabinetmaker's trade and followed it for some years, when feeling that he had a better chance as a wagon builder, he learned that calling and followed it and plow maker until his death, being an expert mechanic. When still a small boy, he went to Bellefontaine, where he later met and married his wife and their wedded life extended over a period of sixty-three years, both dying when over eighty-seven years old, this family being a very long-lived one. They were Methodists in religious faith.

Robert A. Shuffelton was brought up at Bellefontaine, where he attended the public and high schools, and was about to be graduated from the latter when the Civil war broke out and he left school and enlisted in Company D, 85th Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for four months. At the expiration of his period of enlistment, he re-enlisted in the Second Ohio heavy artillery and served until the close of the war, having participated in a number of important engagements and won promotion to the rank of sergeant. After the close of hostilities, he embarked in the hardware business at Bellefontaine, continuing in it for four years, when he came, in 1870, to Greenville, which has since continued his home. Upon coming to Greenville he established himself in the hardware business on the corner of Broadway and Third street, in the building now occupied by the Oak Restaurant, and was at that location for thirteen years. With the organization of the Second National Bank, Mr. Shuffelton, who was one of the heaviest stockholders, was made its cashier and held that position for five years, when his private interests became so important that he resigned to look after them, he being the owner of a number of business and residence properties at Greenville, his confidence in the city having led him to invest heavily in its realty.

Mr. Shuffelton was married (first) to Miss Matilda Allen, a daughter of Dr. James Allen, of London, Ohio. She died in 1876, leaving one daughter, Luella, who married John P. Lucas, superintendent of the city water works of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have a daughter, Mary. On August 23, 1877, Mr. Shuffelton was married (second) to Mrs. Viola E. Palmer, the widow of William Palmer and a daughter of John U. Eyer and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Esty. Mr. and Mrs. Shuffelton are members of the Episcopal Church, of which he was a vestryman and junior warden for years. Fraternally, he belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Matchett Council No.

91, R. & S. M.; Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., of Dayton, Ohio; Miami Valley Consistory; and Antioch Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, being a 32d degree Mason. Staunch in his adherence to Republican principles, Mr. Shuffelton has endeavored to do his full duty as a citizen, his intelligence and public spirit bringing him into active co-operation with his fellow townsmen in various movements of the day from the time he came to Greenville, and he can always be relied upon to take an advanced stand, his influence ever being cast on the side of progress. Since he located here, many changes have taken place. His residence at the corner of Fifth and Sycamore streets was built before Fifth street was laid out, and he set out the trees which adorn his property. As an old soldier he takes great pleasure in being a comrade of Jobes Post, G. A. R.

Mrs. Shuffelton was born at Dayton, Ohio, but her father was born in Pennsylvania, coming to Dayton when a child. Mrs. Eyer died at Dayton, but Mr. Eyer died at the home of Mrs. Shuffelton at Greenville when he was eighty-one years old. Mr. and Mrs. Eyer had five children: Viola, Cecelia, Albert M., Charles H., and Frank L. The wife of Frank L. Eyer died leaving a son, John Robert, and the infant was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Shuffelton and reared as their own, he now being 19 years old and attending college at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., where he hopes to gain proficiency in the particular line of his chosen profession—entomology.

WILLIAM JOSEPH IRWIN.

Shrewd, alert, careful in looking after his own interests, William Joseph Irwin, a merchant of Greenville, is still a man of whom no one could speak except in terms of the highest praise. Many of his kind and generous acts are hidden from the public for he is modest in disposition and does not care to emblazon his charities to the world. His business, which is located at Nos. 117 to 121 East Fifth street, is one of the leading ones of its kind in Darke county, and his connection with it insures fair dealing and prompt service. He was born at Coberg, Ontario, Canada, February 22, 1859, a son of Stephen and Bridget (Rooney) Irwin, and grandson of William Irwin, and Felix and Celia (Mulligan) Rooney. William Irwin was

a native of Ireland, who came to America in 1844, being shortly followed by his wife, whose first name was Mary, who came as soon as the husband decided upon a permanent place of residence. They located in the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and also worked upon the railroad which was in process of construction at that point. There he died at the age of eighty-five years, having lost his wife in middle life. Their children were: Mary, who became a sister at Mount St. Joseph's; Stephen; William; and Bridget. Felix Rooney and his wife died in Canada, having had the following family: William, Daniel, Patrick, Felix, John, Bridget, Rosa, Celia and one unnamed.

Stephen Irwin and wife were born in Inniskillen county, Fermanagh, Ireland, he coming to America when sixteen years old, and grew to manhood at Dayton, where he found employment as a brickmaker. From that city he went to Canada and spent some years in the Dominion, marrying there and remaining until three of his children were born, May, Anna, and William J. Once more he located at Dayton, Ohio, and when the Civil war devastated his adopted land, he was not found backward in its defense, for he served it for one year and ten months, in a cavalry regiment. After the war, he moved to West Baltimore, Ohio, and continued brickmaking throughout Montgomery county. His wife died at this point in 1875, being then thirty-eight years old. In 1879 he went to Silver Lake, Minn., and married a Miss Black. Still later, he went to Iowa with his son, W. J. Irwin, assisting him in contract work, but died in a hospital at Dayton, Ohio, in December, 1906, aged seventy-six years. He and his first wife were Roman Catholics, and in politics he was a Democrat. By his first marriage he had the following children: Mary, who married Carey McNeely, of Greenville, Ohio; Annie, who is the wife of Ed McKee, of Dayton, Ohio; William J., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Felix, who is a contractor of Greenville, Ohio; John, who was drowned in childhood; James, who is deceased; Rosa, who is deceased; and S. Edward, who was also drowned. By his second marriage Stephen Irwin had one daughter, Louisa.

William J. Irwin lived at Dayton, Ohio, until he was nine years old, at which time removal was made by his parents to West Baltimore, Ohio, and he resided there until he was nineteen years old. He then embarked in a business of his own, taking contracts for farm ditching, tiling and other country

work, and planted the first tiling in Muscatine county, Iowa. He also built levees along the Mississippi river, being engaged in some of the most important reclamation work of that day. Returning to Ohio, he settled in Darke county and was engaged in drainage work all over western Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Subsequently he became interested in municipal work and took and executed contracts for the construction of sewers, waterworks and streets for twenty years, operating all the way from New York to Mexico. In 1908 he retired from that line of work, and returned to Greenville, which he has considered his home since 1885, and built a large block in which he opened a furniture store. In connection with this, he has a branch store at Bradford, Ohio, doing an immense business and carrying a full and varied stock of all kinds of furniture. Among some of the important contracts held by him in the past may be mentioned the 247 miles of sewerage put in at New Orleans, and the fifty miles put in at San Antonio, Tex. He has built and owned several excellent properties at Greenville, Ohio, including the Palace store, which he erected in 1901, and his own store, erected in 1906, the latter being a three-story brick structure, reinforced with concrete and steel. In 1894 Mr. Irwin built his residence at No. 451 East Fourth street, and since then has built three more residences. His Bradford store occupies a large building, and he carries a heavy stock at that point as well as at Greenville, all of his goods being first class, as he caters to the very best trade. In addition to his furniture store, Mr. Irwin is further interested at Bradford, as he owns the Dewey Hotel there. A man who received but limited educational advantages, he has made his own way in the world and stands today as one of the best examples of self-made manhood Darke county has ever known.

On January 18, 1885, William J. Irwin was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Dwyer, a daughter of Martin and Mary Dwyer, and they have had five children: William Joseph, Mary Beatrice, Helen Celia, Catherine A. and Irene. William J., Jr., is in the employ of his father. He married Annie Maher and they have three children, Mary Catherine, Elizabeth Ann, and Jane Frances. The other children of William J. Irwin, Sr., are living with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are consistent and devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Elks. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never sought

public notice, his time being fully occupied with his extensive operations.

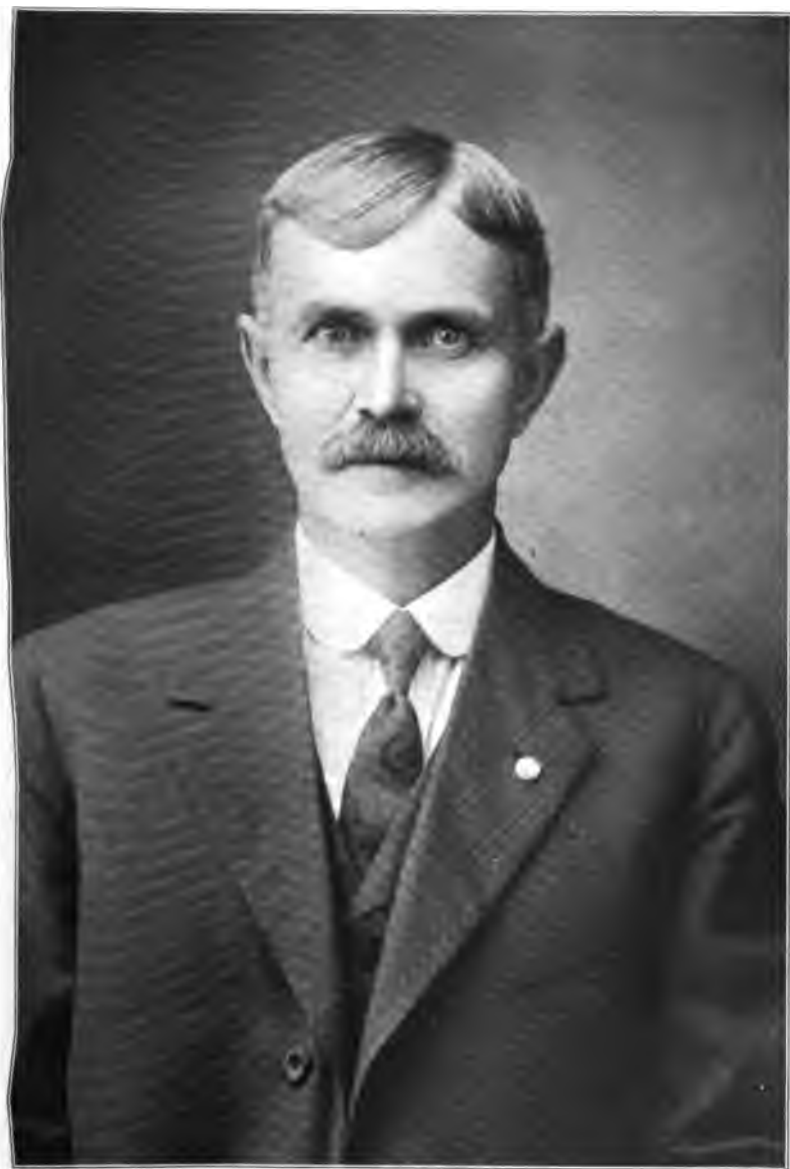
Mrs. Irwin was born in Darke county, Ohio, but comes of Irish stock, as her parents were born in County Tipperary, Ireland. Her mother died in 1896, and her father the following year, they having had the following family: Thomas, Daniel, William, Frank, Emma, and Catherine, the first three of whom are deceased.

Mr. Irwin built the first system of sewers ever built in the Republic of Mexico, while Don Ahuamada was Governor of the State of Chihuahau.

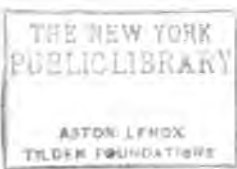
JOHN H. FELTMAN.

In reviewing the career of any successful man the biographer finds that each one has had some objective point towards which to work for human destiny, like a vessel, if left to float aimlessly, seldom arrives at any desirable harbor, but usually runs aground. With a definite object in view and the will power and ability to direct him, any man, no matter how discouraging his beginning, can achieve something in the world and make his name stand for a fulfilled purpose. John H. Feltman, dealer in flour, feed, grain and agricultural implements at Ansonia, has proven the truth of the above statements in his life, and many times when circumstances have seemed disadvantageous, has encouraged himself with the thought that eventually he would succeed because he was working along strictly honorable lines, owing no man and giving to each one a fair deal. His present prosperity does not come from any inherited wealth of fostering parental care, for he was left an orphan before he had passed his first milestone, but this lack of family influence has given him self-reliance, sturdiness of character and a determination to win no matter what the odds against him.

John H. Feltman was born in Mississinawa township, Darke county, Ohio, June 6, 1866, a son of William Feltman, or as he spelled his name, "Feldermann" according to the German method for he was a native of Hamburg, Germany, where his wife was also born. Coming to the United States in young manhood, William Feltman located in Greenville, Ohio, taking unto himself a wife, and there became one of the prosperous



J. H. Peltman.



early merchants of that place. Later he went on a farm in Mississinawa township, and was living there when he was drafted for service as a soldier during the Civil war. He reached Camp Chase but was there stricken with pneumonia, for he was not used to exposure, and died from it, aged about fifty-four years. His wife died about six weeks later, being then about forty-nine years of age. Both were German Lutherans in religious faith. They had had six children, as follows: William, who resides in Wabash township, Darke county; Amelia, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Thompson; Fred, who resides at Springfield, Ill.; Mary, who is unmarried; Lena L., who married a Mr. Leeleg, now resides at San Francisco, California; and John H.

As he was only six months old when left an orphan, John H. Feltman was naturally thrown upon the world, but was fortunate for he was taken by Joseph Zerby, who with his excellent wife, cared for the child as though he had been connected with them by ties of blood, and in time his pleasing characteristics won their love. These foster parents gave the lad educational advantages, sending him to the schools of Beamsville, where Joseph Zerby conducted a grocery store. As John H. Feltman grew old enough, he assisted in this store, but early developed business ability of no usual order. Recognizing this, Mr. Zerby soon called upon his young charge to make trades for him, and later he went out through the country to buy furs, which were shipped to Fort Wayne and Greencastle. Later John H. Feltman drove a huckster's wagon and traveled about buying poultry. Seeing an opportunity for a good investment, he bought a vacant lot at Beamsville and there fed some stock and poultry to get them into a better shape for the market. He also raised several crops of tobacco upon his land, for this ambitious young fellow was experimenting to find out which line he had better follow. Finally he decided to devote himself to stock buying, and carried on a heavy business in that line for a few years when he married and located on a farm owned by Enos Woods. Two years were spent upon this property, when he felt that he could do better in an urban community, and began shipping stock once more, although at the same time he attended to his father-in-law's farm in Jackson township. His business interests then becoming so heavy, he came to Ansonia, where he continued shipping stock from 1900 to 1901. In the latter year he built an elevator at St. Henry, and operated it for eight months. Re-

ceiving an excellent offer for the property he disposed of it to Fox Hess of Cold Water, Ohio, and returning to Ansonia, Mr. Feltman bought a fourth interest in the elevator and mill owned by W. J. Ross & Company, in 1903. Later Mr. Feltman sold the elevator to C. E. Harmony and a Mr. Marshall, and in 1908, the partnership was dissolved. For the following year Mr. Feltman carried on the milling business, but then discontinued manufacturing flour and embarked in the agricultural implement and grain business which he has since carried on so profitably, having now two places, and buying and selling hay and grain, and dealing in flour, feed, and agricultural implements, as well as gravel, sand, coal, sewer and flue lining, and manufacturing cement blocks. In these various changes it can be readily seen that John H. Feltman has accommodated himself and his business to the changes in public demand, and his far-sighted outlook has often enabled him to grasp opportunities other men have neglected to observe.

On October 18, 1893, John H. Feltman was married to Miss Alera B. Rahn, a daughter of George W. and Pauline (Bailey) Rahn. Mr. and Mrs. Feltman became the parents of three children: Lucile L., who was graduated from the Ansonia high schools, class of 1912; George R. and Charles E., who are both attending school at Ansonia. Mr. and Mrs. Feltman connected themselves with the Christian church of Teegarden, Brown township. He belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 605, I. O. O. F., and also to the Encampment No. 285. Both he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs. Mr. Feltman also belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 356, K. P. Politically, Mr. Feltman held to the principles of the Republican party until the candidacy of Mr. McKinley, when he felt that those of the Democratic party more nearly represented his ideas and he has since held to the latter, and is now serving as corporation treasurer and treasurer of the school board, in both offices displaying the same faithful adherence to what he believes is right, as characterizes his private dealings. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Feltman has invested in Ansonia property, now owning three pieces of realty in that community, and his faith in its growth and development is being justified by their advance in value.

Mrs. Feltman was born in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, as were her parents. The latter now reside at Greenville, Ohio. The children born to George W. Rahn and wife were eight in number and as follows: Alera B., J. Clifford (de-

ceased), Emma, Vermille, Harriet, Opal, Georgiana (deceased), Charles R. George W. Rahn was a son of Levi Rahn.

John H. Feltman is proud of the fact that he is essentially a self-made man, although he gives due credit to the training of his foster parents with whom he remained until he was twenty-seven years old, repaying them many times in affection, as well as loyal assistance for their care of him in his helpless infancy. His success in life is not confined to his material prosperity, for he has laid up a richer treasure for himself and his children in the esteem and confidence he has awakened and maintains among those with whom he was brought into contact, both in a business and a social way. Mrs. Feltman is equally popular and through her the children trace back to two of the old families of Darke county, the Rahns and Baileys.

THOMAS A. LECKLIDER.

The really useful men of a community are those in whom their fellow citizens can rely in affairs of public importance; to whom they can come for assistance in seasons of financial distress; men who have won this confidence by the wisdom of their own investments and by the honorable lives they have led on every field of effort and as neighbors and as friends. Very often, in prosperous towns, these men are retired farmers, frequently they are bankers and in not a few cases it will be found that they are former officials of the county in which they reside. Such a one in every particular is Thomas A. Lecklider, vice-president of the Greenville National Bank, a retired farmer, and a man possessed of a mind fertile in resources, means and expedients. He was born three miles north of Greenville, Ohio, April 14, 1838, and is a son of George C. and Sarah (Ader) Lecklider, and grandson of Daniel and Sarah Lecklider. Daniel Lecklider was born in Montgomery county, Ohio. He and his wife had the following children: Betsy, George C., Daniel, Louis, Samuel and Josiah. The maternal grandfather of Thomas A. Lecklider was born in Pennsylvania, and he had the following children: Samuel, Jacob, Louis, Thomas and Sarah.

George C. Lecklider and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, but he moved from his native state to Dayton, Ohio, and for a time was engaged in agricultural pursuits, operating in the vi-

cinity of that city. Later he moved to Darke county, arriving in this locality as early as 1825, at a time when very little of the land had been cleared, the major portion being covered with dense forests. He located three miles north of Greenville, where he cleared off and developed a fine farm, and reared his family upon it. There he died in 1875, aged about eighty-one years. During the War of 1812, he served as a soldier. His wife died about 1852, firm in the faith of the Reformed Church, to which her husband also belonged. They had the following children: Louisa, deceased, who married Washington Ehrhart; William, deceased, who was a prominent man; Lydia Ann, deceased, who married Squire Passon; Eliza, who is deceased; Mary Jane, deceased, who married Jacob Schultz; and Thomas A., whose name heads this review.

Thomas A. Lecklider was reared upon his father's homestead and learned farming in its every detail, being able to do a man's work while attending the schools of his district. Until he had passed his fiftieth milestone, he lived upon this homestead of 160 acres of as fine land as can be found in Greenville township, and still owns it, it having come into his possession. To the original holdings, he added 100 acres, and so now has 260 acres. Upon this property he has made many important improvements, for he takes a pride in its condition, and seeks to keep it up and maintain the high standard he set long ago. However, he resides at Greenville, owning his comfortable residence at No. 303 Washington avenue, that city. A Democrat by conviction, he was on the school board for many years, and in 1884 was elected sheriff of Darke county, at which time he moved to Greenville, and held that office for four years. Another native of Ohio once held the same office, and was promoted to increase responsibilities until he not only reached the gubernatorial chair of Ohio, but that of the chief executive of the United States. Mr. Lecklider is now vice-president of the Greenville National Bank, and the oldest stockholder of that institution.

On December 25, 1867, Mr. Lecklider married Miss Nancy Wright, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Price) Wright, and they became the parents of one son, Harry T., who is assistant cashier of the bank of which his father is vice-president. He was graduated from the Greenville High School and Jacobs Business College of Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Lecklider is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lecklider has belonged to the Odd Fellows for over forty-five years and is a member

of Champion Lodge No. 742, of Greenville, of which he is a charter member. Although he is seventy-five years old, his clean, wholesome living, and vigorous constitution make him appear much younger. His association with the affairs of Darke county during all of his mature years, has made him conversant with existing conditions, and he is justly regarded as one of its best informed and responsible citizens, a man in whom implicit trust can be placed on all occasions.

Mrs. Lecklider was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, and resided there until 1865, when she was brought by her parents to Darke county, they passing away at Greenville, having had six children, as follows: Clinton, Theodore, George, Lee, Nancy and Mary Jane.

S. HOWARD SWOPE.

It is difficult to define genius or to circumscribe its direction. In some the divine fire lights the way that leads to letters; in others it urges its possessor to become a disciple of the brush and palette, while again it makes of him a musician. True art cannot be learned; genius is not taught but is a gift from on high. Study will enable a man to properly express his genius, but the torch has to be lighted from within. Those who possess the temperament of a true artist experience many rebuffs, their spirits grow weary for lack of real appreciation, but they are ever sustained by a realization of what their art means to them, and even if during life true recognition is denied them, posterity will acknowledge the debt owed to one who bore witness to the genius which inspired him. S. Howard Swope is one of Greenville's talented musicians whose compositions prove his right to belong to those destined from the beginning to make sacrifices on the altar of harmony. He was born at Richmond, Ind., September 30, 1869, a son of Samuel and Lotta (Aichberg) Swope.

Samuel Swope and his wife were born in Bavaria, Germany, and became the parents of two sons, namely: James, who died October 23, 1904, aged thirty-nine years; and S. Howard, whose name heads this sketch. James was in the theatrical business for some years, the brothers being in partnership, operating under the stage name of the Whitney Brothers, and he, like S. Howard, composed music. Growing up in his native land,

Samuel Swope was engaged in manufacturing and wholesaling silk fabrics at Munich. Coming to America at the age of twenty-five years, he located for a time in Tennessee, where he became interested in handling cotton, but with the outbreak of the Civil war, his business relations were interrupted, and because he would not throw his influence with the Confederacy, he lost all he possessed. Refusing to join his neighbors, he enlisted in the Union army and was made a quartermaster, but when he was taken sick within a few months he was discharged on account of disability. Subsequently he established himself at Cincinnati, Ohio, as a manufacturer of boys' clothing, and there he married and moved to Richmond, Ind., to become a merchant tailor, continuing as such for a long period. When his health failed, necessitating a change, he went into a millinery business at Camden, Ohio, operating it with the assistance of his wife. They came to Greenville, Ohio, in 1885, continuing their millinery business in this city, where Mrs. Swope died in 1897, being then sixty-seven years old. Mr. Swope survived her until 1906, when he passed away in May of that year, aged eighty years, lacking twenty days.

S. Howard Swope was eleven years old when the family moved from Richmond, Ind., and he began his educational training in that city, continuing it at Camden, where he went to the public schools. Before leaving Richmond he commenced studying music under Prof. NaVere when he was only seven years old, and for two years, between the ages of twelve and fourteen years, he attended the Cincinnati College of Music, being graduated therefrom under Prof. Schmidt. Although he never relinquished his ambitious desire to devote himself exclusively to music, Mr. Swope, like many another genius, was forced to allow his talent to lie dormant while for a period he gave attention to the practical things of life, going into a mercantile business at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he handled gent's furnishing goods and clothing for a year. In 1886 he came to Greenville and learned the photographing business under the instruction of Mader Brothers and R. D. Been. Although then only seventeen years old, Mr. Swope was made a traveling salesman for Lyon & Healy of Chicago, and represented that firm on the road for several months, when he resigned to accept the management of the Academy of Music and directorship of the Concordia Orchestra and Choral Society of Lynchburg, Va. For the following two years he filled these positions, discharging the onerous duties with distinction, notwith-

standing his youth, and could have remained there as long as he liked, but he then organized the first musician's organization in the South, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala., and at the age of twenty-one years was made musical director of Henderson's production of the "Crystal Slipper," which company opened the new Duquesne Theatre at Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Swope was never a man to rest upon laurels already gained, and in 1903 he formed a partnership with his brother, James, and they played in all the principal cities of the country, being billed as the Whitney Brothers, and, completing their tour of the United States went to Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France and Austria, their successful career as entertainers being only terminated by the death of James Swope. In the meanwhile the brothers had opened a musical house at Greenville, Ohio, under their own name, and published musical productions and sold musical instruments, in their absence the affairs being under the direction of R. W. Mann. Mr. Swope is also an artist with the violin and taught it during his earlier years. With the death of his brother, he formed a partnership in the musical business with E. C. Jobs and they continued together for two years, but since then Mr. Swope has been alone. His energies were directed for four years, from 1909 to July 15, 1913, toward selling automobiles, he doing a flourishing business along that line in addition to his other affairs, but on the latter date he disposed of his automobile business to E. R. Swenger. This remarkable young man has accomplished still more, for he is a successful composer and producer of musical productions, among them being a musical comedy, "(Flo Flo," "Lower Berth 13," which he has played in the leading cities of the country, and at present he is at work on a musical comedy entitled "The Bewitching Maid." Mr. Swope is also the composer of several pretentious instrumental sketches, among which may be mentioned "Mosquito Parade," of which over 1,000,000 copies have already been sold; "The Mouse in the Clock," "Frog Puddles," "Sunman," and others. His latest composition is "The Frolic of the Sheets." Mr. Swope is proud of the fact that he and his brother were commanded to play before the Queen of England and Edward, the Prince of Wales, who was later King Edward, in 1900, for none but those of highest merit are so honored.

On September 3, 1906, Mr. Swope was married to Miss Lucy E. Payne, a daughter of Henry H. and Lucy E. (Eidson) Payne, and they have one child, who is named Lotta Eleanor.

Mr. Swope belongs to the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the U. C. T. and the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, the Lambs and the Anchor Society. He is also one of the charter members of the White Rats. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Swope was born at Somerville, Ohio, and her parents were born in the same State as she. On March 12, 1913, her father passed away, dying at Camden, Ohio, but her mother survives, making her home at Camden. They had two children, Lucy E. and Cora G.

Mr. Swope is a musician with great gifts which he has never degraded, although he believes in turning them to account so as to afford high-grade amusement for the masses. For the work which he is still laboring to accomplish, he is admirably fitted and well equipped, bringing to it profound musical scholarship, exceptional technical skill and inherent qualities of leadership, and although he has already added much to the music of his country, there is every probability, if not certainty, that what has gone before is but faint indication of what the future holds for him and his followers.

THOMAS A. BILLINGSLEY.

To properly interpret the law in all its complexities and unerringly apply its provisions to establish human rights and defeat injustice, demands such a comprehensive knowledge not only of books but of life itself, that he who reaches a high plane in this profession must command more than negative consideration in the minds of his fellow men. It is told in both history and romance that a kind of law is upheld among savages, but when explained it resolves itself into the old axiom that "might makes right," and in modern, civilized life it becomes the task of the exponent of the law to overcome this only too prevalent idea. Hence, on a solid educational foundation must be built up a thorough knowledge of what law means to the present day man and how it can be applied to circumvent evil, protect the helpless and bring happiness and safety to the deserving. Holding as he does such high principles as embodied in the above, it is no wonder that Thomas A. Billingsley, attorney-at-law, of Greenville, Ohio, has risen so high in his profession, for contrary to the opinion which pre-

vails among some, right thinking and high living do advance a man, while chicanery of any kind will in the end pull him down to the level of unwholesome thoughts and deeds. Mr. Billingsley was born in Miami county, Ohio, in the vicinity of Covington, April 4, 1880, a son of John E. and Emma (Harwood) Billingsley, and grandson of Thomas and Mary (Lucky) Billingsley, and John and Frances Harwood.

The paternal grandfather of Thomas A. Billingsley, Thomas Billingsley, and his wife were born in Ohio, and were farming people who died on the homestead in Miami county, he at the age of sixty-three years, and she when eighty-six years old. Their only child was John E. John Harwood and his wife were natives of Nottinghamshire, England, but came to the United States, first settling in New York State, and later came to southern Ohio and lived at various places, he being an old circuit rider of the Methodist Church. His wife died in middle life, having borne him seven children: John, Thomas, Kate, Hattie, Mary, Emma and Robert.

John E. Billingsley was born in Miami county, Ohio, while his wife was born in New York State. He spent his life upon the farm still his home, which was taken from the government by his grandfather. This property contains eighty acres, all finely improved, and upon it his children were reared. His wife passed away in 1909, aged fifty-eight years, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which she was a conscientious member. Their children were as follows: Thomas A., whose name heads this review; Roy, who resides in Miami county, Ohio; and Albert, who also resides in Miami county.

Thomas A. Billingsley spent his boyhood as any normal farmer's son, assisting his parents with the farm work and attending the district schools, but within his breast glowed a spark of ambition, which he fanned into a flame by taking private instruction and then entering the Ohio Wesleyan University spent two years in that institution. In pursuance of his plans, he then began to study law, and completed his legal course in the Ohio State University, being admitted to the bar in June, 1902, following which he practiced his profession at Versailles, Ohio, until 1910, when he located at Greenville and now has offices in the Allen building on West Fourth street, while his residence is at No. 408 North Broadway.

On September 21, 1905, Mr. Billingsley was married to Miss Ottie Mae Hartle, a daughter of Andrew J. and Kate (Ingle) Hartle. They have two children, Richard T. and J. Rene. Mr.

and Mrs. Billingsley are earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. In his fraternal relations he is an Elk. Politically, he is a Democrat, and while residing at Versailles was city solicitor and a member and secretary of the municipal board of that place.

Mrs. Billingsley was born near Covington, Miami county, Ohio, and her parents, both natives of the same county, are now living at Covington. Her father was a farmer and is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in both the infantry and cavalry.

PROF. JOSEPH LEROY SELBY.

Convinced that learning is not only the handmaid of religion but also is essential to the highest type of citizenship, many young men starting out in life bend every effort to secure educational advantages and many, also, turn these advantages to account by becoming instructors themselves. Although Prof. Joseph LeRoy Selby, a well-known resident of Greenville, Ohio, no longer devotes his time to the class room, for many years he was numbered with the educational leaders in Darke county. He was born March 30, 1866, in Butler county, Ohio, and is a son of William and Lydia (Huffman) Selby.

The paternal grandparents of Prof. Selby settled in Butler county at a very early date, probably in the pioneer period, and there their quiet, useful lives were passed. Like other pioneers they were courageous and resourceful and they left descendants who recall them with pride and deep respect. Farming has been a family occupation for several generations. Of the large family born to the paternal grandparents the record of six sons and one sister has been preserved.

William Selby, father of Joseph Leroy, was born in Butler county, Ohio, and there grew to manhood and engaged in farming near Middletown. In 1883 he moved to Darke county and settled three and one-half miles northeast of Ansonia, purchasing a farm of 117 acres, on which he lived until 1900, when he moved to Ansonia and there lived retired until his death in 1910, when aged about seventy-eight years. He was a man of sterling character, an excellent representative of the best class of citizenship. He married Lydia Huffman, whose people also settled early in Butler county, Ohio. Mrs. Selby resides at Ansonia, Ohio, being now in her seventy-sixth year.

To William Selby and wife three children were born: Charles, who is deceased; Joseph L.; and Mary, who is the wife of Harmon Coppess, of Ansonia, Ohio.

Joseph LeRoy Selby spent his early years on his father's farm in Butler county, receiving the physical training that he has found beneficial through life. He attended the district schools and afterward National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated. Having decided to enter the educational field, in 1884 he became a teacher in the country schools of Darke county, and in 1890 came to Greenville, where he found immediate recognition, and for three years taught the eighth grade in the public schools here. He then became assistant principal of the high school, and subsequently principal, an honorable and responsible position, one that he held for eleven years.

Mr. Selby became widely known in educational circles, affiliating with the Darke County Teachers' Association, the Western Ohio Superintendents' Round Table, the State Association of County School Examiners, the State Teachers' Association, and the National Educational Association. He served two terms as a member of the executive committee of the Darke County Teachers' Association, two as vice-president and two as president. He was also secretary of the State Association of County School Examiners. He served several years as city school examiner and about five years as county school examiner. He also holds a high school life certificate.

Since retiring from the teaching field he has been devoting his attention to agriculture in the management of operations on 197 acres of Darke county's fertile soil. He resides at No. 411 Central avenue, Greenville, Ohio, in the home which he erected in 1900.

On August 31, 1899, Mr. Selby was married to Miss Mabel Hershey, who was born at Greenville, Ohio, and is a daughter of John T. and Celia (Hoover) Hershey, the eldest in a family of three children: Mabel, Gertrude and Wilbur. John T. Hershey was a soldier during the Civil War, was a member of the Forty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, and of the Eighth Ohio cavalry, and suffered incarceration in Libby Prison. He died in 1900, at the age of fifty-five years. The mother of Mrs. Selby survives. Mr. and Mrs. Selby are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees. In his political views he has always been a Democrat, but has never accepted public office except in relation to educational

matters and is now city school examiner and for five years previously served as county school examiner. If Mr. Selby has noted a wonderful advance made in the efficiency of the public schools since he first came to Darke county, he may take much credit to himself, for he has contributed largely to it and continues to be deeply interested in all educational affairs.

Mrs. Selby is a member of the Columbian and Sorosis clubs.

MICHAEL A. MAHER.

There may be a feeling of family pride when an individual points to lands and possessions and says, "see what my ancestors secured and gave to me," but how much more gratifying it must be to realize that one is the builder of his own fortune and that the credit belongs to himself for obstacles overcome and successful results reached. In this connection may be mentioned Michael A. Maher, one of the substantial business men of Greenville, Ohio, who is president of the Banner Lumber Company, a director in the Greenville National Bank and an extensive dealer in coal and building material at No. 139 North Broadway. Mr. Maher was born in Champaign county, Ohio, six miles north of Urbana, on May 16, 1858, and is a son of James and Catherine (Fannan) Maher.

The paternal grandparents of Michael A. Maher lived and died in Ireland, the grandfather not surviving middle life, while the grandmother, on the other hand, survived to the unusual age of ninety-six years. They had five children: James, Michael, Dennis, Catherine and Mary. The maternal grandfather was Patrick Fannan and he and wife came from Ireland to the United States in 1850 and died in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had but two children: James, who died before the family reached Cincinnati, and Catherine, the wife of James Maher, and the mother of our subject.

James and Catherine Maher, parents of Michael A. Maher, were born, reared and married in Ireland. James Maher had been previously married and his first wife died leaving two children, a son and daughter. The son was named Martin, and after coming to the United States he served four years as a soldier during the Civil war. James Maher desired to be a farmer, but he found little chance or encouragement in County Tipperary, his home, and therefore decided to emigrate to

America where many of his countrymen had found easier industrial conditions. Late in 1849 or early in 1850 he secured passage for himself, wife and their five children with the two older children of his first marriage. After a tiresome voyage the family was safely landed at New Orleans and from there went to Springfield, Ohio, this being in 1850. James Maher found work for a time at day labor, afterward became a farmer and after coming to Darke county, in September, 1864, bought a farm of eighty acres situated in Greenville township, three miles north of Greenville, where he continued through life, his death occurring there in 1872, when aged fifty-five years. His widow lived until 1907, passing away when aged eighty-seven years. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. They had fifteen children, twelve of whom lived to maturity: James, who is deceased; Patrick H., who is a resident of Greenville; William, who lives at Dayton, Ohio; Dennis, who is deceased; Mary, who is the wife of John Hunt, of Greenville; Johanna, who is the widow of John J. Kelly, of Greenville; Michael A., Thomas C., who is of Greenville; Catherine, who is the wife of John Lynch, of Greenville; Sarah, who is the wife of Thomas Hannagan, of Dayton; John B., who lives at Greenville, and Francis A., whose home is Oklahoma City, Okla.

Michael A. Maher was six years old when his parents moved to Darke county and he grew up on his father's farm, attended the public schools in the neighborhood and took a course in a commercial college. He earned his first salary as driver of a coal wagon for his brother Patrick, for whom he worked for eighteen months and with his savings was able to buy a small grocery store, one that he still owns. In September, 1882, he started in the coal and building material business, one that he has developed into a very large enterprise. For seven years he also engaged in contracting for the building of sewers. As indicated above he has other important interests of a substantial character, all indicating excellent judgment, constant industry and rare business foresight.

On March 23, 1884, Mr. Maher was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Jane Maher, who was born in Jay county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Michael and Bridget (Carter) Maher. They were born in Ireland, where their parents lived and died. As early settlers they came to Darke county, Ohio, and both died here. Of their children four survive: James, Mary, John and Catherine Jane. The following children were

born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Maher: Leo, Robert, Bernard, Arcadius, Leona, Henry, Raymond and Lawrence, twins, Andrew, Mary and Joseph, twins; Alfred, Mark and Catherine. Of this family, Leo died at the age of eighteen months; Robert died at the age of twelve years and Lawrence died at the age of six months. Bernard is in the employ of his father; Henry lives in Oklahoma City, and Arcadius married Miss Henry lives in Oklahoma City; Arcadius married Miss Roberts; Eugene and Margaret. The others live at home. The whole family belong to the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Maher has membership with the Knights of Columbus and the Brotherhood of St. Anthony. Mr. Maher has never cared for political office, but never shirks the duties of citizenship when a call is made for a display of public spirit. He votes with the Democratic party. The family residence is at No. 145 North Broadway, Greenville.

JOHN H. DUNHAM.

With the rapid introduction of automobiles and the increased demand for high-class machines of all kinds not only by city men, but the farming contingent as well, has developed an immense business in handling these vehicles. Darke county is a rich community and its citizens, realizing the benefits accruing from a rapid and independent means of locomotion, are investing heavily in automobiles. They look to Greenville as a source of supply for this as other demands, and a concern that is doing big business in selling automobiles is the Dunham Automobile Company, under the direct charge of John H. Dunham, with offices and garage at Nos. 123-125 Martin street, Greenville, although he resides on his farming property near Woodington. Mr. Dunham was born in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio, three miles east of Greenville, October 17, 1859, a son of Henry and Sarah Jane (Martin) Dunham, and grandson of James Dunham, and John Martin.

James Dunham and his wife became early settlers of Darke county, and at the time of his death he was conducting a tavern at Ansonia. He had several children, and was married twice. John Martin, the maternal grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, but came of German stock. He and his wife, who was also a Pennsylvanian, came to Darke county, Ohio, at

a day when settlers were few, and developed a fine farm in Greenville township. The grandmother died in middle life, but he lived to an advanced age. Their children were: Jackson, Harvey, Sarah Jane, Mary Ann, John and Alanson.

Henry Dunham was born in Darke county, Ohio, but his wife was born on the same farm as her son. He was a carpenter and millwright, and operated a sawmill and water-mill on the old Miller farm. During the Civil war he enlisted for service, but contracted disease from which he never recovered and died. His widow survived him for a number of years. They had four children: Alice A., who is the wife of Harry A. Clawson of Brown township; John H., whose name heads this review; Jennie R., who is deceased, was the wife of Harry A. Clawson, he marrying her sister Alice A., after her demise, and one who died in infancy. The mother moved to Greenville, after the father's death, and later married John Westfall. Following her second marriage, she went to a farm on the Requerth pike, and from there to one of eighty acres in Greenville township. Still later she went to a farm in Brown township, near Woodington, where she died, in 1886, aged about fifty-five years. By her second marriage she had three children: Frank, Bertha and one who died in infancy. Frank died when sixteen years old.

John H. Dunham attended school but a couple of years, as he began earning his own living when about eleven years old, working on a farm for four dollars per month. He continued to work for farmers until his marriage, when he rented property which comprised forty acres of the Miller homestead, but a year later rented eighty acres and conducted it for two years. Having been frugal, he was then able to buy forty acres in Brown township, and a little later opened a general store at Woodington, continuing it for two years. Although he was engaged in a mercantile business during this time, he continued to reside on his farm. Selling his store, he bought eighty acres which continues to be his place of residence, it being located in Greenville township, and he also owns sixty-five acres in Franklin county. Both as a farmer and business man Mr. Dunham has proven his worth and is a man who enjoys the highest respect of all with whom he is brought into contact.

On August 14, 1883, Mr. Dunham was married to Miss Mary C. Mendenhall, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Teeter) Mendenhall. Thirteen children were born of this marriage:

Jennie X., who married Bert Galbreath, bore her husband two children, Velna and one who died in infancy, and is now deceased; Berman, who is in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company at Detroit, Mich., and Myrtle, Alanson, Gladys, Alice, Bertie, Lucile, Blanche, James, Aline, who are all at home with their parents; and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham are earnest members of the Christian church. He belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 285, F. & A. M.; Ansonia Lodge No. 605, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment of that order. A Republican, he has appeared on his party ticket, being elected to the office of school director many times in both Brown and Greenville townships. He is a member of the Darke County Fair Association, and is a director of the Children's Orphans' Home.

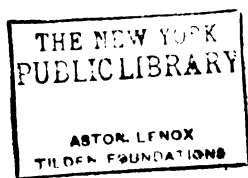
Mrs. Dunham was born in Woodington, one-half mile from her present home, her parents having been early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, although now both are deceased. They had seven children: Hannah, Frank, Susan, William, Milton, Alvin and Calvin, the last two having been twins. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dunham was Marmaduke Mendenhall.

WELCOME JEFFERSON DULL.

The banking interests of a community are necessarily among the most important, for financial stability must be the foundation stone upon which all great enterprises are erected. The men who control and conserve the money of corporation or country, must possess many qualities not requisite in the ordinary citizen and among these high commercial integrity, exceptional financial ability, poise, judgment and foresight may be mentioned. Public confidence must be with them, and this fact has been again and again demonstrated in the United States, when panics that even threatened the stability of the government have been averted by the wisdom, sagacity and foresight of the men in whose hands have rested the great lines of finance. A citizen of Arcanum who is president of the Farmers' National Bank of that place, and has done much in the effective upbuilding of his community along additional lines, is Welcome Jefferson Dull. He was born in Randolph county, Indiana, March 19, 1854, a son of John and Delilah (Baker) Dull.



W. J. Dull.



The paternal grandparents had the following children: Nicholas, Martin, John and a daughter. Henry Baker, the maternal grandfather, married a Miss Poe. Both were born in Pennsylvania, coming of German descent. These grandparents came to Darke county, Ohio, at a very early day, locating in Monroe township where they improved several farms. Both died in this township after reaching an advanced age. Their children were: Elias, Joshua, Josiah, Henry, George, Julia B., Delilah, Betsy, Lydia and Mollie.

Both John Dull and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, the former being reared in Lancaster county, that State. After his marriage, he moved to Randolph county, Indiana, where he followed his trades of blacksmithing and shoemaking for several years, when he devoted all of his time to farming. His death occurred when he was sixty-six years old, his wife having died at the age of forty-six years. Both were pious members of the German Reformed church. Their children were as follows: Henry, who is now deceased; Martin, who resides at Red Key, Indiana; Elias, who died as a soldier during the Civil war; Joshua, who died in infancy; George, who lives in Michigan; Julia Ann, who is the wife of William Bear of Jay county, Indiana; Solomon, who resides at Rock Lodge, Florida; Lydia M., who is the wife of Samuel Hinsey of Jay county, Indiana, and Harvey of Randolph county, Indiana, in addition to Welcome Jefferson, whose name heads this review.

Welcome Jefferson Dull lived in his native county until he was thirteen years old, when removal was made to Jay county, Indiana, and when he was sixteen years old he came to Darke county, Ohio, to work on a farm for his brother who hired him by the month. Soon after his arrival, his brother moved back to Randolph county, Indiana, and Welcome J. accompanied him, continuing in his employ for one summer and two winters. Returning to Darke county, Mr. Dull worked for his uncle, Josiah Baker, for a summer and winter, and then began doing contract work on his own account, digging ditches, building streets, excavating and carrying out contracts for similar jobs, thus continuing until he had built up an immense business which paid him excellent returns. Eventually he retired, and for the past nine years has been making his home at Arcanum and with Charles Williams is interested in operating four large tobacco warehouses. He is president of the Farmers' National Bank, and owns several large farms in

Darke county, and others in Jay and Randolph counties, Indiana, so that his interests are many and varied. He is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Ithaca Lodge, F. & A. M.; Greenville Lodge No. 77, R. A. M.; Troy Commandery, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, according to the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. A Republican, he is active in the support of the principles of that party, and has demonstrated his public spirit by serving for eighteen years on the school board.

On May 7, 1874, Mr. Dull was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Fourman, a daughter of Joseph and Layer (Root) Fourman. Mr. and Mrs. Dull became the parents of nine children: Samuel H., who is a farmer, married Emma Shelly, and they have the following children: Vernie, Olive, Merl, Hubert, Pauline and Martin Van Buren; William, who married Cora Netzley, has one child, Byron; Sarah Ann, who married Frank Layer, has three children, Viola, Roy and Henry; Amzi, who married Mina North, has two children, Clayton and Ira; Jesse E., who married Alva Kindle, has four children, Mildred, Mary, Merrit R. and Robert J.; Joseph, who married Mollie Klinger, has two children; Pharon, who has been married twice, has one child, Albert, by his second wife, whose maiden name was Willoughby; Clarence S., who married Mamie Buchanan, has two children, Catherine and Edith, and Emma, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Mrs. Dull was born in Van Buren township, Darke county, Ohio, her parents, both of whom are now deceased, having been early settlers of that township. They had five children who grew to maturity, namely: Noah, Joseph, Mary, Susanna and Sarah. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dull was John Fourman, while her maternal grandfather was Samuel Root. Mrs. Dull is consistent in her membership with the Methodist church of Arcanum.

DAVID LEWIS GASKILL.

The exponents of the law in Darke county are without exception men of broad training, keen judgment, and resolute bearing, and among them none stands higher than David Lewis Gaskill of the firm of Meeker & Gaskill, with offices in the Electric building on West Fourth street, Greenville, and residence at No. 303 East Third street this same city. His

rise in his profession has been steady, and within late years he has been connected with some of the most important jurisprudence of this part of the State. He was born at Troy, Ohio, December 11, 1862, a son of Abram and Sarah A. (Youart) Gaskill, and grandson of Abram and Elizabeth Gaskill, and John and Jane (Youart) Youart. Abram Gaskill and his wife were both born in New Jersey, but became pioneers of Warren county, Ohio, and died in 1819, and she at an advanced age, being interred at Quincy, Ohio. Abram Gaskill was the only son of his mother's first marriage, but by her second union with a Mr. Stiles, she had four children. John Youart was born at Balameda, County Antrim, Ireland, and his wife was a native of the same place. They were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Leaving their own country, they came to the United States, locating in Miami county, Ohio, being among its early settlers, and there he died. After his demise, his widow came to Greenville and resided in this city for fourteen years, dying when ninety-two years old. She and her husband had a large family, but Mrs. Abram Gaskill was the only one who married.

Abram Gaskill grew up in Warren county, Ohio, where he learned the wagon making trade. In 1844, he sought better opportunities at Troy, Miami county, Ohio, there embarking in the manufacture of carriages, selling this business in 1853, to engage in the production of plows. In 1864 he found a purchaser for this business, and coming to Darke county, purchased the old King farm in Greenville township, and busied himself in conducting it, living upon this property until 1888, when he retired, and moving to Greenville, died at that city in 1910, aged ninety-one years. He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Irwin, a daughter of the Judge Advocate, William Irwin, who was one of the officers in St. Clair's defeat. William H. Gaskill was the only child born of this marriage, and he died in November, 1912, aged sixty-eight years. The first Mrs. Gaskill died in 1854. In 1860 Abram Gaskill married Sarah A. Youart, of Troy, Ohio. They had three children: Charles, who died in infancy; David Lewis, whose name heads this article, and Jennie E., deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin M. Allen.

Growing up on his father's farm east of Greenville, David L. Gaskill had the advantages of both rural and urban surroundings, and attended the country schools, and later the Greenville high school, from which he was graduated in 1880.

Subsequently he entered the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, class of 1884. In 1890 he moved to Greenville and began the study of law, and the following year was admitted to the bar, and since then has carried on a general practice. In addition to his legal business, Mr. Gaskill is interested in several commercial ventures, having been the organizer of the Greenville Electric Light Company in 1895, which he has served ever since as president. He is a director in the Ross Supply Company; was president of the Ohio Electrical Association during 1900, and has been secretary of that organization ever since. Elected secretary of the National District Heating Association in 1909, he has held that position to this day.

On June 27, 1883, Mr. Gaskill married Miss Sarah E. Meeker, eldest daughter of Judge D. L. and Mary (Deardorff) Meeker, and they have four children: Helen, Mary A. Esther A. and David, all of whom are living with their father.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Gaskill established a home on a farm one mile east of Greenville, which continued his place of residence until 1890, and he still owns it. Mrs. Gaskill was a member of the Presbyterian church of Greenville, and valued for her efficient work in its behalf. Mr. Gaskill is quite prominent fraternally, finding relaxation as a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Matchett Council, R. & S. M. In politics he is a Republican, and was appointed by Governor Harris a trustee of Miami University, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Samuel G. Hunt in 1907, and still holds that office, having been reappointed for a term that expires in 1917. He was elected a member of the electoral college in 1896, from the Fourth district; was a member of the board of education for the city of Greenville for thirteen years; procured the Carnegie donation for the Carnegie library at Greenville, and had charge of that building and also the erecting of the north school building, and is ever found ready to do more than his part to forward any measures he believes will work out for the good of his city.

Mrs. Gaskill was born at Greenville, Ohio. She is a member of the prominent clubs and societies of Greenville and member of the Presbyterian church. Her sisters are Mrs. Anna Lecklider, Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss Mary Stallman, of Greenville. Her parents were born in Darke county, Ohio, and lived at Greenville for many years, there dying. Their

children were: Frank D., Walter S., Mary C., Nan E., Virginia G., Alice M., Harry W. and Sarah E. Mrs. Sarah E. Gaskill died in 1905.

On January 20, 1913, David L. Gaskill was married to Minnie M. Stallman, of Greenville, Ohio. Their home is at 303 East Third street.

ANANIAS H. BAUSMAN.

Education and special training often bring success in life to those who industriously seek it, but there are a few certain lines in which a natural talent proves of still more value. Auctioneering is one of these and the field is not crowded. Residing at Greenville, Ohio, Ananias H. Bausman, is not only well known in this profession locally, but all over Darke county his services are in demand and in many sections the announcement of his presence will draw a crowd of possible purchasers, who might not be otherwise attracted. Mr. Bausman was born in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio, March 18, 1880, and is a son of Daniel and Susanna (Fry) Bausman, and grandson of John Bausman and of George Fry.

John Bausman, the paternal grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from there came to Darke county, Ohio, and became a successful farmer in Neave township, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He married Esther Wenerich, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, and died in Darke county at the age of seventy-three years. They had the following children: Eli, Thomas, David, Daniel, Harriet, Elizabeth, Fanny and Susanna. George Fry, the maternal grandfather, was born in Miami county, Ohio, where he married Catherine Ditmer. In 1890 they moved to Darke county and settled near Arcanum and both he and wife died there, aged seventy-five and seventy-two years respectively. He was a merchant. They had children as follows: Granville, William, Charles, Lawrence, Susanna, Nancy, Ella, Cora and Ida.

Daniel Bausman, father of Ananias H. Bausman, was born in Darke county, Ohio, and was reared in Greenville township, where he subsequently owned 116 acres of land, on which he reared his family. He continued to live on his farm until 1906, when he retired and removed to Weiner's Mill, where he now lives. He married Susanna Fry, who died in 1911, aged forty-nine years, a member of the Church of the Brethren, to

which religious body Daniel Bausman also belongs. They had two sons: Ananias H., of Greenville, and Earl, of Greenville township.

Ananias H. Bausman was reared on his father's farm and in boyhood attended the public schools, later taking a course in North Manchester College, at North Manchester, Indiana. After returning to Darke county he began auctioneering, developing much talent along this line, and he has found it very profitable, during seven years of residence at New Madison first becoming prominent and has added to his reputation since establishing himself at Greenville. He has additional interests here, being in the life and fire insurance business, with offices at Suite 5, Anderson Block, 507-509 Broadway, and is general agent for the Ohio State Life Insurance Company.

On October 27, 1900, Mr. Bausman was married to Miss Lina Keener, who was born near Palestine, Darke county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Milton and Rachel (Dickey) Keener, and a granddaughter of David Keener and Abraham and Polly Dickey. The parents of Mrs. Bausman were born in Darke county, where the mother died October 19, 1912, aged sixty-three years. The father was a soldier in the Civil war and yet survives. Six children were born to Milton Keener and wife: David, Nora, Laura, Hattie, Lina and Fern.

Mr. and Mrs. Bausman have two children, both sons: Frederick D. and Robert E. Mr. Bausman is a wide awake, earnest citizen of his city, county and State, but has no political aspirations. He casts his vote with the Republican party. The only fraternal organization with which he is identified is the Elks. The family residence is at No. 432 Washington avenue, Greenville.

ANDREW J. KLINGER.

What a privilege it must be to be able to look back over a successful and honorable career of eighty-four years. How much has happened in that span of life to those who have survived into the twentieth century—what changes, discoveries, inventions in the great outside world, and what equal progress has been made in the individual life of each one. In the hurry and stress of business, when every thought must be directed to the carrying on of necessary undertakings in order to sustain life and provide for the welfare of others, a man often

has few opportunities to pause and remember the good gifts and compensations that line his way. In the natural course of events the time comes when these cares may be put aside, but in the comfortable retirement then entered upon he may find his happiest and most useful days. Who so well fitted to give advice and instruction as he, who so well able to point out the danger spot to others on the mountain he has already climbed, and, with the ripened judgment of years, who so well qualified to encourage as well as warn the younger generation. Thus the retired citizens of a community occupies an important place in its daily life. In this connection may be considered one of Greenville, Ohio's, most respected retired residents, Andrew J. Klinger, who, for many years, was connected with the milling industry. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 19, 1830, and is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Cassel) Klinger, and a grandson of Philip Klinger and of Henry Cassel.

Philip Klinger was born in Virginia, November 10, 1754, and was not only an industrious farmer, but was a patriot as well and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was married in Virginia to Barbara Ekes, who was born June 26, 1759. In 1811 they came to Ohio and settled at Alexandria, in Preble county, and died there. They had twelve sons: John, Jacob, Henry, Philip, George, Samuel, Jesse, William, Peter, Michael, Nicholas and Isaac. Three of the sons married into the same family. Henry Cassel, the maternal grandfather, was also a native of Virginia and a farmer. He married in his own neighborhood and he and wife came to Ohio and were among the pioneers in Preble county. They had the following children: Daniel, Elizabeth, Catherine, Sarah, Rachel, Eliza, Rhoda, Allen and Samuel.

Jesse Klinger, father of Andrew J., was born July 12, 1791, in Virginia, and was a boy when his parents came to Ohio and settled in Preble county. There he grew to manhood and followed farming. Some years after his marriage he moved to Indiana and located near Fort Wayne on a farm of one hundred acres, where he resided until death. He married Elizabeth Cassel, who was born July 4, 1799, and died in 1859. They were members of the Lutheran Church. They had six children: Daniel, Joseph, Peter, Elizabeth, Andrew J., and Samuel. There is but one survivor, Andrew J., the subject of this review.

Andrew J. Klinger was seven years and six months old

when his father died and after this calamity the mother returned with her children to Preble county, Ohio, and in 1838 moved across the line into Darke county, her farm being located near Verona. There Andrew grew up, an industrious farmer boy, attending the schools of his district during the winter sessions. When eighteen years of age he exhibited signs of the business enterprise, which later led him into large undertakings, becoming his brother Daniel's partner in the butter and egg trade, continuing in the same for some years at West Baltimore, Gordon and Ithaca, Ohio, living at Gordon for five years, afterward moving to Ithaca. There he engaged in farming for two years and then bought a grist mill which he operated for five years. He then left Ithaca and bought a mill at Winchester, Ind., which he conducted for fourteen months. In the fall of 1867 he sold out and moved to Arcanum, where he ran a mill until 1871, in March of that year coming to Greenville. At this time he was interested in a mill at Dawn, Ohio, and also in a farm near Arcanum. In 1876 he purchased the Turner warehouses and built a mill in Greenville, which he operated for many years on Martin street, just north of the D. & U. Railroad. In 1885 he erected his handsome brick residence at No. 322 Devor street, where he has lived ever since. He retired from active business life in 1912.

On June 13, 1856, Mr. Klinger was married to Miss Caroline Wert, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, July 18, 1835, and is a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Hartpence) Wert, and on the paternal side her grandparents were Godfrey and Sarah (Slater) Wert, and her great-grandfather was George Wert. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Klinger were George and Sophia (VanKirk) Hartpence, who had fourteen children: Peter V., John, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Enoch, Esther, Sarah, Mary T., Susan, Sophia, Hannah, Elizabeth and Nancy. The father of Mrs. Klinger was born in New Jersey, July 24, 1810, and died November 6, 1897. Her mother was born in Stokes county, New Jersey, October 4, 1812, and died December 25, 1882. They came to Ohio in 1838 and located at Ithaca, where the father followed farming and shoemaking. They had three children: Caroline, W. Watson and Sophia Adelia.

To Andrew J. Klinger and wife eight children were born: Sarah E., Frances, Laura, Alma, Cora, D. O., Watson, J. and Peter Wert. Frances married E. C. Porterfield and they live at Greenville and have one daughter, Lois, educated in the

schools of Greenville and college at Granville. Laura married William Thomas and they live at Ithaca, Ohio, and have one daughter, Marie. She married Percy Hamilton of Ithaca and has a son Jasper W. W. Hamilton. Alma married H. M. Walsh of Dayton, Ohio, and they have three children: Robert K., Agnes C. and Kenneth. Cora, who is now deceased, was the wife of Alva Harless. D. O. is a resident of Greenville. He married Onda Peffly and they have two children, Katherine and Kenneth. Watson J. lives at Dayton. He married Cora Burch and they have two children, Ralph and Richard. Peter W. has his home in Dayton. He was married first to Harriet Sater, who died leaving two daughters, Mildred and Helen. His second marriage was to Susan Dills.

Andrew J. Klinger has always been identified with the Republican party since its organization, believing in the principles it has stood for. Both he and wife are members of the First Baptist church at Greenville and is one of the oldest of its board of trustees.

Watson J. and Peter W. were educated in the schools of Greenville and later graduated from the Polytechnic school of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mr. Klinger cast his first ballot for President for Gen. Winfield Scott, in 1852. Then, in 1856, for Fremont. In 1860 for Lincoln and has supported the Republican nominee at every national election since.

WILLIAM ELMER GUNTRUM, M. D.

While the claims of medicine to the gratitude of mankind have never been fully recognized, yet medical practitioners in every age and every country, have been regarded with the respect and esteem that has set them in a niche a little above their fellow citizens and that they have not been accorded all that is their due, must, in large measure be attributed to ignorance and selfishness. There is no profession in which such absolute accuracy of knowledge must be possessed, and none in which its practitioners must be so courageous, so persistent and so disinterested as to personality. Greenville, Ohio, has men of this noble type and in this connection is noted Dr. William Elmer Guntrum. Dr. Guntrum was born in Greenville township, just north of Greenville, Ohio, his father's fer-

tile farm lying on the Versailles turnpike road, October 13, 1863, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Jamison) Guntrum.

The paternal grandfather of Dr. Guntrum was born and reared in Pennsylvania and there married Martha Gingrich. They came to Darke county, Ohio, when this section was emerging from its wilderness days, and made their first home amid the great trees of a forest that stretched for many miles beyond. Grandfather Guntrum developed a productive farm and was a valuable man in his community. Both he and wife died on the scene of their labors, about 1865. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Guntrum was another early settler of Darke county, John Jamison by name. With his first wife, the grandmother of Dr. Guntrum, he came to Greenville township when Indians still lived on its frontier.

John Guntrum, father of Dr. Guntrum, was born and reared in Darke county, Ohio. During his earlier years he followed farming and later, in Greenville township, he was engaged in the meat business for a number of years, but continued to reside on his farm near Greenville. Still later he removed to Piqua, Ohio, where his death occurred October 6, 1903, his age being sixty-three years. He married Rebecca Jamison, who still survives, and the following children were born to them: William Elmer; Barbara, who is the wife of Luther Skeggs, of Piqua, Ohio; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Levi Rodabaugh, of Piqua; Laura Jane and Flora A., twins, the former of whom is the wife of George A. Wolaver, residing near Piqua, and the latter of whom is the wife of Enos Creakbaum, of Dayton, Ohio; and Hester R., who is the wife of Jesse Carr, of Piqua. The mother of the above family is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William Elmer Guntrum spent his boyhood on his father's farm, a privilege he now appreciates on account of the healthful activities it called into play, and after attending the district school, became a student in the Greenville high school. After some preparation he then entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, in 1889, where he completed his first course in medicine, subsequently taking a second course in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, returning to the Medical College of Ohio in 1893 to graduate. He entered into medical practice in the village of Stelvideo, where there was a favorable opening at the time and remained there for seven years, in 1900 coming to Greenville, finding in this wider field more opportunity to exercise his skill and to add to his profes-

sional usefulness. Dr. Guntrum has accomplished much, but still remains a student, taking an enthusiastic interest in everything pertaining to his science, a subscriber and occasional contributor to all the leading medical publications, and is a member of the county and State medical bodies and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Guntrum was married May 1, 1904, to Miss Maud Rupe, who was born near Palestine, in Darke county, Ohio, a daughter of Martin and Susan (Brooks) Rupe, both of whom are deceased.

In the well-known fraternal body, the Improved Order of Red Men, Dr. Guntrum is prominent, being one of the charter members of the organization at Greenville. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. He is a man of professional bearing but of genial, courteous manner, and he is pleasant and companionable with all his fellow citizens. In large measure he is a self-made man and takes justifiable pride in this fact and has often given encouragement to young men desiring an education by telling them of his own struggles in young manhood. Politically, Doctor Guntrum is a Democrat.

CHARLES R. MUSSON.

Charles R. Musson is a man whose colleagues upon newspaper work admit that he possesses industry, zeal, a real love of his work, clever wit, and an individual style, combined with a high ideal of journalism to which he subordinates any desire for material advancement which may conflict with his principles. These qualities have placed him in the editorial chair of the Arcanum Enterprise of Arcanum, Ohio. He was born at St. Paris, Champaign county, Ohio, October 31, 1855, a son of Dr. John J. and Caroline (Rogers) Musson, and grandson of John Musson, and Charles and Jane (Chambers) Rogers. John Musson and his wife were born in Virginia, but became pioneers of Highland county, Ohio, where he died when still a comparatively young man. His widow survived him for nine years, when she, too, passed away. John J. Musson was their only child. The reason for the family migration from Virginia to Ohio was the feeling entertained by James Musson towards the slavery question. Although his people had been slave owners for many years, and he inherited some, he

could not feel that the practice was right, and freed those who had come to him, and made his way to another State where he would not be compelled to go against his conscientious scruples. Charles Rogers, the maternal grandfather of Charles R. Musson was a native of New Jersey, where his wife was also born. By trade he was a carriage builder, but when he and his wife came to Champaign county, Ohio, he did some farming. His death occurred in his new home when he was eighty-four years old, his wife having died at the age of fifty years. They had three children: Caroline, Charles L. and John S.

Dr. John J. Musson was a native of Ohio, but his wife was born in New Jersey. Early deciding upon a medical career, he took a course at Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated, and then practiced at St. Paris, Ohio, for half a century, dying there in 1899, aged over seventy years. His wife died at the same place January 13, 1873, aged forty-one years, firm in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she was an earnest member. Doctor Musson was a Mason. At one time he represented his district in which Champaign county was included, in the State Legislature, held various local offices, and had charge of the inspection of the internal revenue office, department of Ohio. He and his wife, who had come to Ohio in young girlhood, had five children: Ada B., who resides at Washburn, N. D., having been one of the early teachers at that point; Charles R., whose name heads this review; Mary, who is the widow of D. L. Glendenning of Flint, Mich.; John L., who resides at Washburn, N. D., and Callie, who resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

Charles R. Musson was reared at St. Paris, Ohio, and educated in its public schools. Following his leaving school, he began learning to be a printer with the St. Paris Erie Dispatch, later having charge of it from 1874 to 1889. In the latter year he came to Arcanum, Ohio, buying the Arcanum Enterprise, which he has issued continuously ever since. Prior to locating at Arcanum he studied law for two years, but has never practiced, but his knowledge gained in his reading along this line has broadened his outlook and his range of information. His newspaper occupies a recognized place among those devoted to the support and spread of democratic principles, for Mr. Musson is a stanch Democrat. He was post-office inspector under President Cleveland for two years, and superintendent of printing at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home

at Xenia, Ohio. Locally he has held some of the municipal offices, and is a man whose devotion to his party and his desire to secure the progressive improvement of his community, is genuine and forceful. On April 29, 1880, Charles R. Musson was married to Miss Gertrude Snyder, a daughter of John and Caroline (McGrew) Snyder, and they had five children: Samuel J., who is in the treasurer's office of the National Cash Register at Dayton, Ohio, married Ida Klugel, and they have a son, Robert; Florence A. married A. C. Crossman, they live at Detroit, Mich., and have a daughter, Gertrude; Marie J., Ruth A. and Mabel C., the last three of whom live at home.

Mrs. Musson was born at Westville, Champaign county, Ohio, March 16, 1858. Her father was born in Ohio, and her mother in Indiana, and both are now deceased. They had seven children, as follows: Annie, Gertrude, Emma, Rosa, Charles, Harry and Frank. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Musson was Daniel Snyder and he and his wife had a large family. The maternal grandparents died so long ago that a record of their lives is lost. Mrs. Musson died June 24, 1911, aged fifty-three years. She was a fervent member of the Universalist church.

CHARLES O. HOFFMAN.

During the more than twelve years that Charles O. Hoffman has served Arcanum as one of its reliable and conscientious druggists, he has proved his worth as a citizen, and his skill as a pharmacist. The druggist of today has to be a carefully trained man, his course extending over a longer period even than that of the physician, and Mr. Hoffman measures up to every standard for he appreciates the responsibility resting upon him, and his duty to the city where he has lived during the greater part of his business career. He was born at West Manchester, Preble county, Ohio, October 9, 1875, a son of John W. and Julia (Banfill) Hoffman, and grandson of John P. and Mary Ann Banfill. The paternal grandfather was born in Indiana, where he married Julia Richards, also a native of that State, and they came to Preble county, Ohio, at an early day, where he died. The grandmother died quite recently at Gordon, Ohio. During his lifetime they were farming people and so brought up their children who were as follows: John W., William, Alice and Emma. John P. Banfill and his wife

were natives of Ohio, who lived during their married life in Preble county this same State, devoting their energies to farming. The grandfather died during middle life, but the grandmother survives, living at West Manchester, Ohio, being now nearly eighty years old. These grandparents had the following children: Julia, Clara, Albert, Austin, Flora, Della, Alma, Ernest, Elsie and Harvey.

Both John W. Hoffman and his wife were born in Preble county, Ohio, where they were farming people. At present he resides at Eaton, Ohio, his wife having died in 1905, aged forty-eight years. In religious belief she was a Universalist. For eight years John W. Hoffman served Preble county as sheriff and was a fearless and conscientious official. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Charles O. and Major C. of Dayton, Ohio, who lived to maturity, and five who died in childhood.

Charles O. Hoffman was reared on his father's farming property in Preble county, Ohio, until he was thirteen years old, and from then on resided at West Manchester until he attained to years of discretion, and during this period he enjoyed the advantages offered first by the district schools, and later the public schools, being the first graduate of the West Manchester high school, leaving that institution in 1893. For the following three years he taught school, and then entered the school of pharmacy of Purdue University, from which he was graduated in 1899. For the next year he was connected with a drug store at Dayton, Ohio, and for one year was a member of a co-partnership in a drug store at Eaton, Ohio. In 1901, seeing an excellent opening at Arcanum, he came to this city, and bought the drug store then owned by Hamiel & Johnson, since which time he has been conducting it in a manner that makes for successful business. During the time he has been the proprietor of this store, he has made many improvements, and now has his fittings and appointments of a character to command admiration, as well as facilitate the handling of business.

On May 16, 1900, Mr. Hoffman was married to Inez Hawes, a daughter of Lycurgus and Hester Hawes, and they have one son, Robert. Mrs. Hoffman was born near Castine, Darke county, Ohio. Mr. Hoffman belongs to Ithaca Lodge, No. 295, F. & A. M., Antioch Shrine and Scottish Rite, Dayton, Ohio; Commandery, Troy, Ohio. A Republican, he is at present serving capably as town treasurer. Since the organization of the

Chatauqua Association, he has been president of the local branch. Professionally he belongs to the State board of pharmacy.

FREDERICK LAMPE.

The industrial and commercial life of any community is of necessity in the hands of its competent business men to whose knowledge and foresight it owes its progress and stand among its sister municipalities. Arcanum, Ohio, is fortunate, indeed, to have a man of the calibre of Frederick Lampe, senior member of the hardware firm of Lampe & Brawley, located in its midst; one who makes the interests of the place his own; one who strives to conduct the affairs of public office entrusted to him, upon the same general lines that he would follow in his private business; in fact a real American to the backbone, hearty and earnest, successful and willing to help others to succeed. He was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, so he is a product of the Buckeye State, his birth occurring January 28, 1866. He is a son of Conrad and Louisa (Myers) Lampe.

Conrad Lampe and his wife were born in Germany, where they were reared and married. Feeling the need of wider fields, they immigrated to America, settling at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment at his trade as a miller. Later on he moved to Moore's Hill, Ind., to engage in farming a property of seventy acres, and died upon it in 1908, at the age of eighty-three years, his wife having passed away about 1871. Both were Lutherans in religious belief. They had two children, namely: Minnie, who married Walter Davis of Xenia, Ohio, and Frederick, whose name heads this review.

Frederick Lampe had the misfortune to lose his mother when he was five or six years old, and he was reared by his sister, being sent to the public schools of Cincinnati. When about sixteen years old he began learning the coopering trade, but after a short period, he went to Dayton, Ohio, arriving there in 1881, and began clerking in a grocery store. After two years devoted to this kind of work, Mr. Lampe became connected with the Standard Oil Company, and this association continued for twelve years, during which period he was sent to Greenville, Ohio, and continued at that point as their agent for a decade. Leaving this company, Mr. Lampe engaged in a grocery business with Frank Maher and so con-

tinued for eight years. He moved to Arcanum in 1907, forming a partnership with Thomas G. Brawley, and embarked in his present business which has developed large proportions, the firm controlling an extensive trade.

On May 25, 1887, Mr. Lampe was married to Miss Cora Paullus, a daughter of Peter and Julia Frances (Potter) Paulus, and they have two children, namely: Howard, who is in the employ of his father, married Lucile Weaver, and Helen who is attending Wilt College at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lampe are members of the Lutheran church and active in promoting its good works. Fraternally he belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Matchett Council, R. S. M.; Dayton Valley Consistory, and he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. Mr. Lampe is also a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Greenville Lodge of that order. He is a Democrat, and was a member of the Greenville school Board. Since coming to Arcanum he has been a member of the city council, and is also a member of the board of public affairs.

Mrs. Lampe was born at Huntington, Ind., but her parents were natives of West Alexandria, Ohio, and now reside at Chicago, Ill. They have had three children: Bert, Cora and Lona. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mrs. Lampe came to western States from Pennsylvania.

LEONARD MARKER.

While never neglecting his business, Leonard Marker has found time and opportunity to follow his inclination toward collecting relics of his family, and historical facts relative to it and the town of Versailles, Ohio, where he is conducting a furniture and undertaking establishment. He is without a doubt one of the greatest and most enthusiastic collectors of relics and curios in the State. His store contains many valuable curios and is a museum that will well pay any one to visit. The guns, some of which are relics of the Revolutionary war (over forty in the collection) and the revolvers, about seventy-five in the collection, are certainly worth studying along the line of development.

The totems, tribal emblems, and other interesting articles from Alaska were secured through a teacher who now lives in



Leonard Marker,



Versailles. He was sent to Alaska by the United States government during President Harrison's administration.

Here one can also see Indian peace pipes, opium pipes, bones from the northern mammoth, ivory implements, drills, bows and arrows from Alaska, game drags, harpoons and articles representing different kinds of stones from tribes of the Stone Age, old surgical instruments showing old spring lances which were in use over one hundred years ago for bleeding people.

There are old German swords with ivory handles, some of the blades inlaid with gold, finely engraved wine glass once owned by maternal ancestors, which have been in the family since 1760, old German Bible bound in leather published in 1711, which has been in the Marker family for at least four generations, over five thousand fraternal and other badges, a large collection of old wild cat currency and other ancient specimens of money now very valuable. The building in which his store is situated is of brick, new, large and commodious, two stories with basement, elevator and electric lights, modern and up to date in every respect, filled with the finest furniture, rugs, carpets, pictures and paintings of all kinds that one would expect to find in a first-class furniture store in a large city.

All is a credit, not only to Mr. Marker, but to Versailles and to all of Darke county. He is a man whose studies have not only proven of interest to him, but will benefit posterity when the results are given to the world. He was born June 9, 1846, at the old Six Mile House west of Dayton, Ohio, but was brought to Darke county when four years old, in 1850, by his parents Raymon J. and Eliza (Bachman) Marker. The former was born in 1824, and died in 1855. The father of the Marker family came to Ohio as early as 1823, and Raymon J. Marker was born in the same house as his son. He was given a common school education, and devoted himself to farming all his life. At one time he was township clerk, and when he died was a justice of the peace, while in religious faith he was a Lutheran. His wife was born south of Dayton, Ohio, near Miamisburg, in 1827. Her parents were Christian and Catherine (Hiller) Bachman, who were both born in Pennsylvania, where her father learned cabinet making, later becoming a painter and paper hanger. When he moved to Versailles, he built the second brick house at this point. The mother of Leonard Marker died in the spring of 1855, firm in the faith of the Lutheran church. She and her husband were married in 1845, at Getter's

Crossroads, near Miamisburg, by the Rev. Rosen Miller, a Lutheran minister, and they had a family as follows: Leonard, who was the eldest; Allen, who lives at Versailles; Hiram, who died in 1867, aged eighteen years, and Margaret, who married George Burns, now resides at Cleveland, Ohio, having been a widow for a quarter of a century.

With the death of his father in 1855, Leonard Marker left the Marker homestead in the vicinity of Versailles, then called Jacksonville, near the old Bowers saw and grist mill, being taken to Liberty, Ohio, near Dayton, by his uncle Perry Marker, who died in 1869. When he was fifteen years old, Leonard Marker left school. Returning to Versailles, Ohio, in 1864, he learned the cabinet making trade from Bartholdt Engelken, a native of Germany, being apprenticed to him under articles, and during the years he remained with this skilled workman he learned everything pertaining to the making of high-grade furniture. When he was twenty-one years old, he began business for himself, making furniture to order, and very recently was called upon to refinish some furniture he had made for Elias Bashore forty years ago. During that period this furniture had required no repairing, so solid was it. His present business dates from 1867, when he established himself one-half a block from his present location, but in 1880 moved to three blocks east until 1884. When this was destroyed by fire he went to the old J. C. Reed block on Main Cross street, but in 1907 built his present building on Main and West streets, a frame structure, which replaced the old D. R. Barley building he had been occupying, and to which he had made additions. In that year he added the handling of carpets to his business. Mr. Marker has a record of the funerals he has conducted, as he went into the undertaking business when he founded his furniture house. In earlier times he made the coffins himself, they being what was known as sharp tops, the lumber was sawed on a sash saw mill, each coffin being built to order. His first funeral was that of the daughter of Richard Brown, and took place November 24, 1867, the entire outfit costing the father eight dollars. Mr. Marker also has in his possession the book in which his father kept his records as township clerk in 1853 and 1854. As a collector of curios Mr. Marker has gained considerable reputation. Some of them he has bought, but those which he prizes most highly are the ones which have been presented to him by friends and relatives, the history of which is known to him. He is also col-

lecting data relative to his family, and among other things has discovered that the eighty-six Marker voters in Darke county are all Democrats, as are all he can trace in Maryland, and he lives up to family traditions by adhering to the principles of the same party. About twelve years ago he inaugurated a Marker family reunion which has taken place annually ever since.

On April 1, 1869, Leonard Marker was married at Versailles, Ohio, by the Rev. Charles Farnsworth, pastor of the Methodist church, to Miss E. Gertie Reed, daughter of the late Jas. C. and Rhoda Reed, who were among the first settlers of Versailles, then Jacksonville. Jas. C. Reed was a general merchant and grain merchant at this point, and held some township offices, such as that of township treasurer, while he was a councilman of Versailles. Mrs. Reed was a member of the Christian church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed were as follows: Rachel, who is a widow, lives at Union City, Ohio; William C.; Jerusha, who is a widow, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Allen L., who lives at Anderson, Ohio; James F., who is deceased; Jesse lives at Chicago, Ill.; Isabel, who is deceased; Gertie, and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Marker have had four children: E. Grace; James R., who lives at Columbus, Ohio, is state highway commissioner, superintendent of the State board of public works, county surveyor for five years, is a graduated civil engineer from the Ohio State University, and was appointed chief engineer on the board of public works by Governor Judson Harmon, and he has been a member of the good roads movement of the State and Nation, and is one of the organizers of the National Good Roads Association; Maude F. is at home, and Raymon J., who is a student at State University, is taking an agricultural and arts course. The entire Marker family belongs to the Christian church, as does Mary J. Herbert, who has been reared by Mr. and Mrs. Marker as a daughter, she being an orphan niece. For about fifteen years Mr. Marker served his church as a trustee, and is now one of the five trustees of the Miami conference, which covers a wide territory. He has held a number of offices, such as those of township clerk, councilman, and others of similar importance, and can always be depended upon to do all in his power to aid in civic advancement and moral uplift. Although he is now in comfortable circumstances, he has had to work hard for his success, and in the early days often worked all night to complete an order.

JOHN E. HUNTER, M. D.

The medical profession of Darke county is represented by some of the most skilled and learned men of this calling to be found in Ohio, and among them one who has won a well-merited standing is Dr. John E. Hunter, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who is located at 201 Ohio block, Greenville, while his residence is at 206 Central avenue. He has devoted himself, his time, energy and life to the preservation of public health and the alleviation of human ills. His is no easy task nor have his services received proper remuneration, no physician is ever adequately recompensed, but he cheerfully accepts his disadvantages, makes countless sacrifices, being content in well doing. He was born in Kent county, Michigan, near Lowell and Grand Rapids, August 14, 1861, a son of Matthew and Mary (Farmer) Hunter, and grandson of Robert and Mary (Greene) Hunter, and Peter and Polly (DuBois) Farmer.

Robert Hunter and his wife were born in Yorkshire, England, but immigrated to the United States, locating in Kent county, Michigan, where they died, he lacking but two months of being ninety-nine years old, and she when about eighty-five years old. They had a large family, among whom were: Elizabeth, who is still living at the age of nearly one hundred years, making her home at Kalamazoo, Mich.; Charlotte, Mary, Matthew, James, John, Grant and Robert. The maternal grandparents of Doctor Hunter moved at an early day to Coburg, Ontario, Canada, where the grandfather died in 1841, his widow surviving him. She married (second) John Tanner. By her first marriage she had the following children: Mary, Sarah, Peter and David. There were two children by her second marriage, namely: Arthalinda and Julietta.

Matthew Hunter was born at Cottonworth, ten miles east of York, England, March 8, 1821; while his wife was born at Coburg, Ontario, Canada, March 7, 1829. When he was seven years old, Matthew Hunter was brought to the United States, he celebrating his seventh birthday on the Atlantic ocean during the five weeks' voyage on a sailing vessel, which plied from Hull to Quebec. The first settlement of the family was made near Geneva, N. Y., but three years later, they moved to Wayne county. There they remained until Matthew was nineteen years old, and in that year they went to Ontario, and were on the lake, Matthew remaining at home until

he was twenty-four years old, devoting his time and earnings to his parents. He then embarked in a sawmill business and conducted it for seven years. Saving his money, he was able at the expiration of the seven years, to buy a farm in Ontario, and one year later sold it at a profit, and moved to Kent county, Michigan, locating on an agricultural property that was in a wild condition. This he cleared and improved, ridding it of the original heavy timber and lived upon it for forty-three years. This farm comprised 104 acres, and for some years he devoted it to general farming, but later on specialized in fruit growing to his entire satisfaction, having forty acres in peaches, three acres in plums, and good pear and quince orchards, supplying the State Horticultural Society and South Haven, Mich., with peaches for which he received \$4 per bu. As was but natural, he became a recognized authority upon fruit culture and gave much valuable advice to others in the same line, or purposing entering the field. During the latter part of his life, he served as a justice of the peace in his township. In 1885, Mr. Hunter erected a fine, two-story brick residence upon his property, one of the finest in the county. He was united in marriage at Whitby, Ontario, Canada, October 6, 1849, to Miss Mary Farmer, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with his wife's mother, when the latter was eighty-five years old. Five generations were present at the celebration, namely: Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Hunter, their daughter, granddaughter and great-grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hunter had the following children: Robert C. who is a farmer and fruit grower of Colton, Ore.; William G., deceased, who was an agriculturalist of Lowell township, Kent county, Michigan; Sarah Alice, who is the wife of Charles Gibson of Racine, Wis.; James Peter, who died at the age of two years; Ida Caroline, who died December 26, 1890, at Cincinnati, Ohio, the wife of Eugene Sprague; John Emerson Hunter, whose name heads this review, and a twin brother, who died in infancy; Willard M., who is operating the homestead; Walter A., who is the twin brother of Willard M., died at the age of nineteen years, February 23, 1884, and Ulysses, who is a farmer of Browne township, Kent county, Michigan.

Doctor Hunter was reared in Kent county, Michigan, where he attended the district schools and Lowell high school, being graduated from the latter institution. Following that event he clerked in a drug store for a period covered by five years, and then, entering the Cincinnati, Ohio, College of Medicine

and Surgery, was graduated therefrom March 6, 1891. For the next four years Doctor Hunter was engaged in a general practice at Alto, Kent county, Michigan, when he moved to Lake City, Mich., and remained in that community until 1901, when he went to Chicago to take a post graduate course in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and spent a year following this on the Pacific coast. Returning to Michigan he practiced at Traverse City until 1907, when, in July of that year, he moved to Greenville to take advantage of an opening in this city, and since then has made his skill and training count, for he has built up a large practice and is recognized as an authority upon those diseases to which he has devoted so much time and study.

The marriage of Doctor Hunter occurred in 1888 when he was united with Miss Carolina Wedekind, a daughter of Charles Frederick and Caroline (Worthheimer) Wedekind. Doctor and Mrs. Hunter became the parents of two children: Matthew Charles, who is a student of the Starling, Ohio, State Medical College, and John Edward, who died in August, 1909, aged seventeen years. The Methodist church holds the membership of Doctor and Mrs. Hunter and they are active in promulgating its good work. He is a Mason and belongs to Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., Matchett Council, R. & S. M., and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. The city of Greenville benefits from his professional skill, as he is now president of the board of health. For the past three years Doctor Hunter has been secretary of the Darke County Medical Society, to which he belongs, and to the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

Mrs. Hunter was born at London, England, in 1866. Her parents, however, were natives of Germany, her father being engaged in the Queen's service as private interpreter of languages. After his death, his widow came to the United States.

Daniel Werthheimer and family (maternal grandparent) of Mrs. J. E. Hunter, were born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. They were highly cultured and religious. For many generations were rabbis, musicians, and artists. This branch of the family trace their ancestry back to the House of David.

Before the Revolution they were considered one of the wealthiest families throughout Germany. He was a wine and grain merchant and agriculturist. A man who loved and lived his religion and respected all mankind. Grandmother Ger-

trude Werthheimer lived to be ninety-eight years three months and twelve days.

Mrs. C. Jessop; maiden name Zerlina Werthheimer (changed to Caroline), born in Stockheim "Hesse Darm Stadt" March 3, 1839. Married in London England February 25, 1862, at the age of twenty-two years, to Charles F. Henry Wedekind. To this union two children were born: Emma Sophia and Caroline F. Hermena. (The latter being born three months after her father's death).

After the settlement of the estate of Mr. Wedekind his widow sailed for America. After several years she was married to John Walter Jessop of Boston, Mass., at Jersey City, N. J. They came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where three sons were born. Daniel Jessop, deceased; Joseph J. Jessop and Charles W. Jessop, now of Connersville, Ind.

Mrs. C. Jessop (now retired) lives in Connersville, Ind., and is known throughout the State as the lady confectioner. John W. Jessop died in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29, 1888.

Mrs. Hunter's father, Charles Frederick Henry Wedekind, was born in Niemburg "on der Wieser" in the state of Hanover, Germany, December 3, 1829. Married Zerlina Werthheimer February 25, 1862. He was a highly educated man, a linguist, and conversed in twelve languages. Was a composer of music and a fine musician. At the time of his death he was private secretary in Queen Victoria's service. Previous to his coming to England he was teacher and instructor of music and languages in a royal family of Russia. Mr. Wedekind was the first person to receive the sad news of Lincoln's assassination by cable at Queenstown, England. He died in London, England, December 3, 1865, at the age of thirty-six years. William Wedekind, a brother of Charles F. H. Wedekind, was private secretary and counsel to the old blind King of Hanover. Grandfather Wedekind was a teacher and preacher of the Protestant religion. Emma Sophia Wedekind, oldest daughter of Charles F. H. Wedekind, was born in London, England, Middle street, Hoxton. Date of birth December 23, 1862. Under the signature, George Pearce. Registered under Vaccination Law. Copy Register No. 20. Entry 473. Received her education in Cincinnati, Ohio. Was married in 1888 to Norman D. Conners of Covington, Ky., and is now living with her mother, Mrs. C. Jessop, at Connersville, Ind. Caroline Frederica Hermena Wedekind was born in London, England, March 11, 1866, at Middlesex, near Victoria park. Under sig-

nature Thomas F. Bethnal Green. Registered under Vaccination Law. Entry 134 (Book not mentioned). Came to America in 1867. Received her education in Cincinnati, Ohio, schools. Married to J. E. Hunter February 20, 1888. Mrs. Hunter is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is interested in all movements for the upbuilding of mankind. Caroline Jessop Hunter, legally adopted daughter of Doctor and Mrs. J. E. Hunter, was born in Ashley, Mich., December 5, 1904. Her mother (Mrs. Charles W. Jessop), died January 14, 1904.

Charles W. Jessop and Mrs. Zona McCormack were married March 11, 1902, at Charleston, S. C.

ORTON OSBORNE SMITH.

Real merit has received proper recognition in the case of Orton Osborne Smith, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Arcanum, for he has been promoted to his present responsible position because of his natural ability and conscientious training for the duties pertaining to such work. A man of careful habits and one who has always given close attention to detail, he manifestly is the right man in the right place. The cashier of a financial institution of the size of the Farmers' National Bank must be a good judge of men; be able to estimate fairly and justly the value of securities and to handle wisely and sagaciously the interests placed in his hands. That he measures up to the high standards necessarily set for work of this class, his standing in the community and with the business men of Darke county, prove conclusively. He was born at West Baltimore, Ohio, April 1, 1878, a son of Nathan and Anna (Thomas) Smith, and grandson of Reason Smith, and John and Ruth (Dinwiddie) Thomas.

Reason Smith and his wife were born in Maryland, east of Frederic, but came to Ohio in the latter part of the forties, settling in Preble county that State, where he carried on farming. Both died in Preble county, when a little over middle age. Their children were as follows: Nathan, William, Monroe, Elijah, Joel, Emma and Jane. John Thomas and his wife were also natives of Maryland, and coming to Ohio at an early day, located on a farm that lay between Sonora and Lewisburg and was in Preble county. Later they moved, during the late sixties, to a farm in the vicinity of West Baltimore, but

rounded out their old age in Harrison township. Their children were as follows: Anna M., Rachel, Jacob, Izora and one who died in childhood.

Nathan Smith and his wife were both born in Preble county, Ohio, the former being reared in the neighborhood of Lewisburg, that county, where he developed into a public school teacher. His professional duties led him to various points in Preble, Darke and Montgomery counties, he teaching in all twenty terms. At one time he was one of the educators connected with the Greenville schools, and was very popular with his pupils, as well as with their parents, who recognized his ability to train their children. At present he is residing at West Baltimore, Ohio, his wife also surviving. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, but she believes according to the teachings of the United Brethren church. In his life work, Nathan Smith has displayed some very admirable qualities. Losing his father when a lad of twelve years, at that tender age he took upon his shoulders the responsibilities of the family, and worked diligently while studying at night to perfect himself for what afterwards became his life work. In thus training his faculties, he developed a fine character, and his worth has always been recognized by his associates who testified to their appreciation by making him justice of peace for several terms, and by coming to him for advice and instruction when in need of direction. Needless to say no one ever applied to him in vain for counsel, and many problems of his neighborhood were wisely and quietly solved by him. He and his wife had eight children: Alton, who resides at Dayton, Ohio; Clarence, who is deceased; Orton O., whose name heads this review; Homer B., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Raymond E., who resides at West Baltimore, Ohio; Blake S., who resides at West Baltimore, Ohio, and Dale, who is a resident of the same place as Blake S.

Growing up at West Baltimore, Orton Osborne Smith not only attended the grammar schools of Harrison township, but the high school of West Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1898. Desiring to supplement his schooling with a business training, he took a course at Miami Commercial College at Dayton, Ohio, in 1899, and for a period following the completion of it, was bookkeeper for a Dayton concern. In 1903, he came to Arcanum, Ohio, to become assistant cashier of the bank with which he still continues. This bank was organized as a State bank May 22, 1902, with a capital stock of

\$30,000, paid in. In 1908, Mr. Smith was made its cashier, and with characteristic energy he began to inaugurate changes, making the bank a national one, and increasing the capital stock to \$50,000, which action increased the number of stockholders from forty-three to sixty-seven. These stockholders are nearly all either prominent farmers or representative business men, and the stability of the institution is unquestioned. The work Mr. Smith has accomplished with regard to this bank has made him a well-known man all over Darke and surrounding counties, and his knowledge of financial matters is recognized and his judgment commended.

On March 29, 1904, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Inez Overholser of Brookville, Ohio, a daughter of Jesse and Catherine (Bausman) Overholser, who was born near Brookville, her parents being natives of Ohio, who still reside in the place of her birth. They have had eight children, namely: Daisy, Frank, Charles, Otto, Inez (Mrs. Smith), Ray, Ross and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children as follows: Reva L., Freda L. and Melvin Woodrow. The United Brethren church holds the membership of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and receives their earnest support. He belongs to Arcanum Lodge No. 341, I. O. O. F., and Ochlawaha Tribe No. 78, I. O. R. M. In political faith he is a democrat and served very acceptably as township clerk for a period extending over two terms.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Sunset club.

PETER W. BYERS, M. D.

In these days of eager and learned scientific investigation that daily brings forth wonderful discoveries or improvements upon ordinary methods, the members of the medical profession cannot be said to have ceased their educational work until their retirement from practice. Men like Dr. Peter Wesley Byers of Arcanum, Ohio, who take a pride in keeping abreast of the work done in their profession, are constantly adding to their knowledge and broadening their fund of experience so that every year increases their skill and adds to their usefulness as a physician and citizen. Dr. Byers is a product of Ohio, for he was born in Butler township, Darke county, January 30, 1864, a son of George H. and Keziah (Fowble) Byers,

and grandson of George and Susan (Hetzler) Byers, and Peter Fowble.

George Byers and his wife were born in Ohio and developed into farming people, becoming pioneers of Butler township where they lived to be old people. They had three children: Catherine, who married William Fowble; George H., and Joseph. Peter Fowble married a Miss Banta and settled with her upon a farm. Their children were: Nancy, who married Joseph Gruver; John, who resides in Preble county, Ohio; Keziah, who became the mother of Dr. Byers; Rachel, who married Henry Steffy, died at Dayton, Ohio, where her husband also passed away.

George H. Byers, the father of Doctor Byers, was born in Darke county, Ohio, while his wife was a native of Preble county, this same State. He was a farmer and learned that calling in his native country, where he was reared and educated. Becoming the owner of one hundred acres in Butler township, he partially cleared it and put it under a high state of cultivation. His death occurred in 1906, when he was sixty-six years old. His widow survives him and is now sixty-nine years old. Both belonged to the United Brethren church, of which they were consistent members and efficient workers. Their children, six in number, were as follows: Dr. Peter W., whose name heads this review; Emma, who is the wife of W. H. Burke of Twin township, this county; John H., who also resides in Twin township; Theodore, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Bert W., who resides in Butler township; Clara, who is deceased, was the wife of Clement Crawford.

Dr. Peter W. Byers was brought up on his father's farm and while attending the schools of his district learned the homely virtues which he has carried with him through life. Being an ambitious lad, he decided upon a professional career and proceeded to fit himself for it by first entering the Northwestern Normal at Ada, Ohio, and later by teaching school for twelve years at the expiration of which period he entered upon the study of medicine, and was graduated from the Medical College of Ohio in 1900. During that year he established himself in a general practice at Arcanum, where he has since continued, having firmly substantiated his claims. A man of learning, steadfast and earnest, he inspires confidence and wins friends as the man as well as the physician.

Doctor Byers was married in May, 1891, to Miss Laura Gilfillan, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Miller), Gilfillan,

and three children have been born of this union, namely: Guy E., Fay and one who died in infancy. Of these Guy is attending the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and Fay is attending the public schools of Arcanum. Doctor and Mrs. Byers are consistent members of the United Brethren church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a Democrat, and for some years served as a member of the school board, his former experiences as an educator making him a valued addition to the deliberations of his colleagues. At present he is serving as township treasurer. Professionally, Doctor Byers belongs to the Darke County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and benefits from the meetings of these organizations just as others profit from his contributions.

Mrs. Byers was born in Darke county, Ohio. Her father was born in Ireland, while her mother was born in Ohio, the latter surviving, although the former died at Castine, Ohio. They had five children who grew to maturity, namely: John, Laura, Lottie, Cora and Clarence.

THOMAS G. BRAWLEY.

Substantial rewards come to those who labor for the ultimate good of a community. Some go about this in one way, others adopt an entirely different course, but they are all moving in the same direction. Perhaps there is no better way to assist in the upbuilding of a community and prove good citizenship, than that adopted by a sound business man when he establishes a reliable house and conducts it upon broad-gauged lines, for not only does he give the people the worth of their money, but he attracts outside capital to the town, and also offers opportunity to those seeking honest labor. Such a man is Thomas G. Brawley, junior member of the well-known hardware house of Lampe & Brawley of Arcanum, Ohio. He was born at Warren, Huntington county, Indiana, April 13, 1864, a son of Milton and Almira (Thurston) Brawley, natives of Ohio, although the father came of Virginia stock.

Thomas C. Brawley, the paternal grandfather of Thomas G. Brawley, was a native of Virginia, and he married in Ohio, Nancy Elizabeth Mitchell, who was born in Ohio. How-

ever, he was brought to Darke county, Ohio, when seven years old and became a farmer in Harrison township, where he died in his fifty-ninth year. His widow survived him many years, passing away in old age. They had seven children, as follows: Lewis J., Eli, Leander, Milton, Hiram, George and Nancy. The maternal grandparents of Thomas G. Brawley, Caleb and Hannah Thurston, were natives of Ohio, he being one of the prosperous farmers of Harrison township. There he rounded out a long and useful life, but she died in her prime. They had the following children: Edward, Newton, Lyman, Joshua, Perry, William, George, Almira, Armina and Frances.

Milton Brawley was born in Darke county, Ohio, where his boyhood days were pleasantly spent, alternating between attendance upon the schools of his district and chores on his father's farm. After he attained to his majority he began farming in Harrison township, but following his marriage, he moved to Indiana and, locating in Huntington county, carried on agricultural operations quite extensively upon his two hundred acre farm. Subsequently selling, he returned to Darke county, Ohio, and lived near New Madison, and in the town itself until within three years of his death, at which time he moved to Greenville, and there died in 1906, aged sixty-nine years. His widow survived him and is still living, being now seventy-three years old. She belongs to the Christian church, and is a most excellent lady. The children of Milton Brawley and wife were as follows: Charles C., who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Thomas G., whose name heads this review, and Anna M., who is deceased, passed away in her nineteenth year.

Thomas G. Brawley was thirteen years old when the family migration back to Darke county occurred, and he continued to reside within its confines, upon his father's farm until his maturity. Attending the district schools, he fitted himself for teaching and followed that calling for two years before he took a business course in the Eastman Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Having prepared himself for a business life, he embarked in the hardware trade, and for ten years carried on his house at New Madison. Too close application to business resulted in the loss of health, and for a period he was forced to abandon a commercial life. Subsequently he was appointed postmaster at New Madison and held that office for three years. He then moved to Rossville, now Rossburg,

Ohio, and thence to Greenville, spending a year at the latter point as a member of the Greenville Grain Company. In 1907 he became a resident of Arcanum, forming his present partnership with Mr. Lampe, in the same line of business that had engrossed him for a decade at New Madison. This profitable and pleasant association continues, and the firm carries a large and varied stock of general hardware and controls a big trade.

On February 17, 1889, Mr. Brawley married Miss May Bowen, a daughter of James C. and Angeline (Flemming) Bowen, and they have two children: Grace L. and Thomas G., Jr. Mr. Brawley belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is one of the most valued members of that order. His political views find expression in the principles and platform of the Republican party, and he served as clerk of Harrison township for one term, and corporation treasurer while living at New Madison.

Mrs. Brawley was born at New Madison, Ohio. The parents of Mrs. Brawley are both deceased. The subject's great-grandfather, Levi Brawley, came from Virginia to Darke county, Ohio, in 1811, being among the pioneers of this county, arriving here at a time when the Indians were still in large numbers. He cleared and improved a farm which is still in the family.

FRED CLINE.

Whenever a new firm is organized, the people of a community in which it proposes to do business, are interested, but this is intensified when the members of the new association are well known men in that locality. Fred Cline and his partner, O. S. Simpson, members of the drug and jewelry firm of Simpson & Cline of Arcanum, Ohio, are native sons of Arcanum, where the major portions of their lives have been spent, and their success is a matter of gratulation to those who have watched these young men develop from boyhood into responsible business activities. Fred Cline was born at Arcanum, Ohio, January 22, 1884, a son of Charles and Isola (Harris) Cline, natives of Ohio. Michael Cline, the paternal grandfather of Fred Cline, married a Miss Miller, and both were natives of Virginia. They became early settlers of Salem, Ohio, where he became a trader of cattle, although a cooper by trade. They died at Arcanum, he after passing into the

seventies, and she when sixty-eight years old. They had six children, namely: Granville, who died when a child; Mary, Henry, Charles, Edward and William. The maternal grandfather married Martha Conner, both of them being natives of Tennessee, who moved to Hamilton, Ohio, at an early day. By profession the grandfather was a lawyer who practiced at Cincinnati, and was killed in a railroad accident when thirty-four years old. His widow survives and has been married twice. The only child by her first marriage was Isola. The second husband of Mrs. Harris was a Mr. Brown and they had one child, G. L. Brown. By her third husband, a Mr. Ludlum, she had a daughter, Myrtle.

Charles Cline was a tobacco merchant, who operated at Arcanum when the tobacco business was in its infancy. He first started as a commission man, handling tobacco for a New York house, and remained in this line for twenty years. His death occurred at Arcanum in August, 1900, when he was forty-six years old. His widow survives him. In fraternal matters, he was an Odd Fellow. Charles Cline and wife had two children, namely: Fred and Charles, the latter being a resident of Dayton, Ohio.

Fred Cline grew to manhood's estate at Arcanum, where he attended both the grammar and high schools. When his father died he was forced to earn his own living, and his first employment was with a tobacco house. Later he was on the road as a commercial salesman for two years, but returning to Arcanum, he began his connection with the jewelry business in the store of L. T. Grubbs, and within two years, or in 1907, purchased the business from his employer, and has continued it ever since. Mr. Cline learned the watchmaking and jewelry trade partly under the tuition of Mr. Grubbs, but took a practical course in it at Detroit, Michigan, so that he is an expert in his line. When he associated himself with Mr. Simpson in 1912, he felt that he was broadening his field of operation, and gaining from the experience of Mr. Simpson, as the latter would profit from his own knowledge.

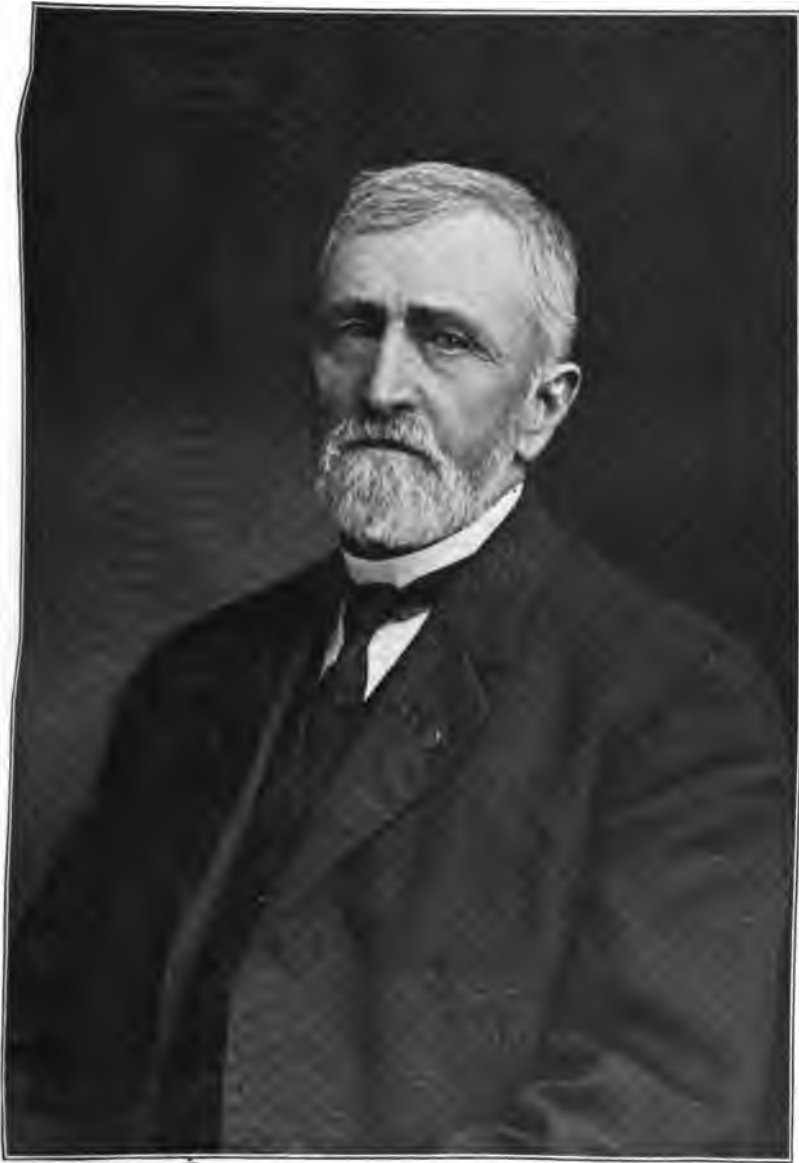
Fraternally, Mr. Cline belongs to Ithaca Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M., and he is a thirty-second degree Mason, according to the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to International Archaeological Association, and the American Indian Association. These connections have been formed as the outcome of a taste he formed in boyhood for collecting Indian relics to which he has added until he now has one of the finest collections in

the State, if not in this country. Keeping in close touch with the authorities at Washington, he receives the literature along the lines in which he is interested, that is issued by the government, and is much thought of by those who appreciate the value of his research work. As is only natural, Mr. Cline is a great reader, finding his enjoyment among his books, of which he has an excellent library. He and his mother live on East George street, Arcanum, where they have a pleasant home.

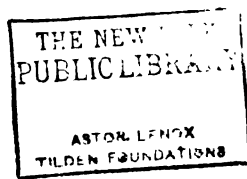
SAMUEL HARNISH.

In early life, accustomed to the hard work which develops the mind and hardens the body, Samuel Harnish grew up in an agricultural neighborhood, and when he came to the time to make a decision regarding his choice of an occupation, finally selected that of farming. In the years that followed he not only proved his worth as a man, but his ability as an agriculturalist, and his valuable one hundred acre farm just outside of Greenville testifies to his success, and he has been able to retire from its conduct, now living in comfort and ease at No. 107 North Main street, Greenville. He was born in Greenville township, this county, October 30, 1840, a son of Michael and Lydia (Wise) Harnish.

Michael Harnish was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which he left in young manhood for the more undeveloped regions of Montgomery county, Ohio, where he became acquainted with the lady he later married. She had come to that county from her native State of Pennsylvania, with her parents. The young couple were married during the holidays of 1837, and the following spring started forth to make a new home in Darke county. There Michael Harnish bought two hundred and fifty acres of wild land, and bent all his energies to clear and develop it. This property is in the southern part of Greenville township, and one hundred and fifty-five acres of it are still in the family. On it he and his excellent wife rounded out their days, devoting themselves to its improvement and the proper rearing of their children, of whom there were eight. Seven of these grew to maturity, and five survive. Of them all, Samuel Harnish was the eldest. In early life, Michael Harnish was a Whig, but with the organization of the Republican party, he espoused its principles, but was never



Samuel Harnish.



willing to accept office. In 1865, he joined the German Reformed church, and died firm in its faith the next year. His widow survived him many years, dying October 7, 1897.

After a boyhood spent in heavy labor, felling trees, grubbing stumps and cultivating the acres thus cleared, during which he found but little time or opportunity to attend school, in May, 1864, Samuel Harnish enlisted in defense of his country for service during the Civil war, for a period of one hundred days, although he was in the service one hundred and twenty days, in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio volunteer infantry. He saw duty in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee, and was under fire for the first time in the campaign against Lynchburg. His command meeting defeat, retreated and on Greenbriar creek Mr. Harnish was wounded in the right hand, but not enough to necessitate his leaving for the hospital, and he remained on duty. At the expiration of the one hundred and twenty days he was mustered out at Camp Dennison.

Coming home, he married and for the following couple of years rented one of his father's farms and then bought thirty-eight and one-half acres in Neave township from his father's estate. Within a few years he sold this first purchase at a profit, and then bought one hundred acres of land on Section 27, Greenville township, which from 1875 until 1898, continued to be his home. In the latter year he moved to Greenville, taking possession of the new residence he had erected in this city. When he moved on his farm, he had but little developing to do, for the property was improved, but the buildings were so poor that he had to replace them all with new ones. This farm is now one of the finest in the township, and he takes pride in it.

In addition to his farm holdings, Mr. Harnish has interests at Greenville. The first year of the life of the Electric Light Company of Greenville, Mr. Harnish expressed his confidence in its growth by buying stock, and later increased his investment, being placed upon the board of directors, and he is now a member of its executive committee, and has held that office for some years, and is a trustee of a fund of this association. The growth of this company can be seen by the remarkable increase in its capital stock, which has advanced from the initial figures of \$30,000, to \$125,000, the amount of stock now outstanding. For the past eighteen years, Mr. Harnish has been treasurer of Darke county Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

pany, and at one time he was on the board of directors of the Cyclone Insurance Company and was adjustor for twelve years of this company.

On April 4, 1865, Samuel Harnish was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Bishop, who was born and reared in Greenville township, a daughter of William F. and Maria (Bogus) Bishop. She was given the advantages offered by the common schools of her native place. Mr. Bishop was a native of New Jersey, while his wife was born in Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish became the parents of one child, Martha. She married Charles F. Beanblossom and died February 20, 1903, having borne her husband five children, as follows: Ira, who died in infancy; Lawrence Dale, who died at the age of seventeen years; Linda Belle, who attended common and high schools, spending two years in the latter; Cena, who was graduated from the Greenville high school in the class of 1913; and Ina Maude, who is now in the eighth grade at school. All these children make their home with their grandfather, who took them when the mother died. They are intelligent, promising young people, and the pride of their grandfather's heart.

Having cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln during his second campaign in 1864, Mr. Harnish naturally is a Republican, but he does not permit himself to be bound by party ties too strongly in local matters, as he believes it is better to put in desirable men, rather than those on the straight ticket simply because of their politics. He has never been willing to accept office, although eminently fitted for a number. A charter member of the Church of Christ, he has its welfare at heart, and his wife, when living was also a charter member. She passed away November 30, 1911, mourned by a large circle of admiring friends. She is laid to rest in Greenville cemetery. His grandchildren belong to the same religious organization. For many years he has performed the duties of an elder, although he never accepted the title, nor was ever ordained, humbly declaring that he did not believe himself qualified according to the scriptures. However, he has taught a class in the Sunday school for many years. His connections with Jobes Post No. 157, G. A. R., are very pleasant, and he enjoys meeting his old comrades. He has served his post in various positions. A man of quiet, unassuming character, inclined to hold his own ability lower than his associates because of his humility, he wins and retains friends because of his Christian life and high moral tone. His interest in promoting

those measures he believes will work for a betterment of his community is always deep and sincere. The influence of the life of such a man must be a strong factor for good in any community, and Greenville profits by his location in it.

Mr. Harnish's younger brother, William H., was born in 1844 and died in 1870. Was in the Civil war and in the same company and service with his brother Samuel, and was mustered out the same time on September 2, 1864.

Almost since the time of the death of Mr. Harnish's father; in fact, since he began his business career to the present time, he has had charge of settling estates and guardianships, showing the high esteem in which he is held by the judges and those who have known him all his life.

JOHN M. ANDERSON, M. D.

To what an old and honorable profession the medical man of the Twentieth century belongs and how infinitely better equipped is he than any of the great army of practitioners of the past to recognize diseases and to apply proper remedies. **A qualified physician of the present day must, of necessity, be a learned man to have standing with his associates in the profession and to assume the responsibilities of often holding the balance between life and death for those who trust him.** In his high profession he is a man justly held in honor and regarded with gratitude, but it must be through knowledge and acquired skill. No forward movement in any scientific line has been equal to that in medicine and the physician must keep abreast of the tide. Those who have approached eminence in medicine have recognized this and, in turn, the public has recognized them. Among the well qualified and experienced physicians and surgeons of Greenville, Ohio, is Dr. John M. Anderson, with office at No. 118 Washington avenue. Doctor Anderson was born at Ansonia, Ohio, June 21, 1876, the only child of Dr. L. C. and Ollie (Tullis) Anderson.

The great-grandparents of Doctor Anderson were James and Ruth (McCahan) Anderson, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in April, 1792, a son of Irish parents who lived about twenty miles from Dublin, Ireland, where all their children, except James, were born. They emigrated to America in 1791. James Anderson married Ruth

McCahan, who was born in January, 1800, a daughter of Patrick and Sarah (Greene) McCahan. He was born in Ireland and his wife in America, she belonging to the same family from which came Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary war fame, who was considered a military officer second only to General Washington.

John Anderson, the paternal grandfather of Doctor Anderson, was a native of Pennsylvania. He married Mary Hulse, who was born in Ohio and died in Darke county, in 1864. After marriage they settled in Montgomery county, Ohio, where they remained until 1863, removing then to a farm in Darke county, where John Anderson died in 1869. Industrious men and virtuous women have marked the generations of this family.

Dr. Lewis C. Anderson, father of Dr. John M. Anderson, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, January 15, 1850, a son of John and Mary (Hulse) Anderson, and was reared on his father's farm. His early manhood was spent in farming and in teaching school, the latter effort providing in part for his medical education which he secured at the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in the class of 1874. He entered immediately upon the practice of his profession at Ansonia, in Darke county, where he remained until 1888, when he removed to Greenville, having been elected to the office of probate judge, on the Democratic ticket. After serving two terms on the bench he completed a post graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School. Returning to Greenville he entered into partnership with Dr. D. Robeson, under the firm name of Robeson & Anderson, engaging in general practice. He became known as one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of his day in Ohio and his son is proud to bear his professional mantle. He was a member of all the local medical organizations and of the National Medical Association. For years he was a Free Mason and belonged to Ansonia Lodge No. 488, A. F. & A. M., and to Greenville Chapter R. A. M. He was a member also of the Knights of Pythias and of Ansonia Lodge No. 605, Odd Fellows. Dr. Lewis C. Anderson married Ollie Tullis, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, and they had one child, John M.

John M. Anderson grew to the age of thirteen years at Ansonia, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. His father moved then to Greenville and here he was a student in the high school, afterward attending St. Mary's Institute at Day-

ton, Ohio. Having determined on a medical career, he took a preparatory course of three years at the Ohio State Medical College, Columbus, and from there entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., from which great medical school he was graduated June 8, 1902. He entered into practice at Greenville and this has continued to be his field, although, at times, he has visited other cities in order to study new developments in his science. In the Polyclinic Institute, Chicago, he took post graduate work with this end in view, and also took a post graduate course in the Post-Graduate School, New York city, and not yet satisfied, went abroad and attended lectures and clinics at Berlin and in the University of Heidelberg. He values his membership in the county and State medical societies and in the American Medical Association.

Doctor Anderson was married July 15, 1903, to Miss Isabel Turner, who was born at Greenville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Joseph R. and Hattie (Macy) Turner, both of whom were born in Dayton, Ohio. Joseph R. Turner served three years as a soldier in the Civil war. Mrs. Anderson is one of a family of three children: Mabel, who is deceased, was the wife of Carl Jones; Isabel, and Maude, who is the wife of Frank Schwable. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Presbyterian church. In his political sentiment Doctor Anderson has always been a Democrat, as was his father, and on several occasions he has consented to become a member of the Darke county Democratic executive committee and also of the State central committee. Fraternally, he is identified with the Red Men and the Elks.

WILLIAM H. IVESTER.

A man's character is oftentimes displayed in the use he makes of his talents and years, and when he can, as in the case of William H. Ivester of Arcanum, point to substantial prosperity and a solid position in his community, he knows that he has not lived in vain. With Mr. Ivester, however, material success is not all that he has accomplished, for he has cultivated those qualities which make for good citizenship, and since his retirement from the cares incident to farm life, he has found that his experiences and knowledge of men and events, are valuable to those who are just setting forth on their road of life, and he gladly gives advice when called upon

for his opinions and ideas. He was born at Arcanum, Ohio, August 5, 1855, a son of George and Rebecca (Davis) Ivester, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively.

The paternal grandfather, William Ivester, was born at Phoenixville, Pa. His wife bore the maiden name of Alowisa, and they had two children: George and Mary. After her death, William Ivester married a second time and had one child, Leida. The Ivester family comes of Scotch descent. The maternal grandparents were William and Katie (Burgess) Davis, and they were natives of Virginia. Coming from the Old Dominion, to Logan county, Ohio, they became early settlers of that locality. Their children were: Rebecca, Mary, Miller, William and Nathan. The grandmother was the second wife of William Davis, his first wife having been a Miss Burns of Miami county, Ohio. She bore him the following children: Hiram, Sarah, Jesse and John.

George Ivester was brought up at Phoenixville, Pa., where he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and while still a young man, he moved to Miami county, Ohio, working in that neighborhood for a short period. In 1849, he made an overland trip to California, in a company of other gold seekers, and was more fortunate than some, for he had a horse, so that he was able to ride. Although he did some mining, he found plenty of work at his trade, as he did upon his return, about a year later, to Miami county, Ohio. There he married and soon afterwards moved to Darke county, where at Arcanum, he established himself in a blacksmithing business. As occasion demanded, he handled land, buying and selling, and also operated a sawmill. His life was very interesting, for he earned for himself every cent he possessed. Owing to family poverty he was bound out and never was given any advantages. His native ability and willingness to work hard and save thriftily soon placed him in a position where he was able to make his exertions tell. With his entrance into the sawmill business came prosperity and he continued in it for many years, doing a large amount of business. In his later years, he came to Arcanum where he built a beautiful residence and died there in 1888, aged sixty-six years. His widow survived him until 1903, when she passed away, aged seventy-eight years. She was a Methodist in religious faith. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. During his residence in Darke county he served as one of its early commissioners, and was township treasurer for a number of years. The children born to this couple were as follows:

Mattie J., who lives at the homestead; William H., whose name heads this review; Josie, who is deceased, married Harrison A. Kepner, and left a daughter, Helen B. Kepner, who makes her home with her uncle, William H. and her aunt, Mattie J., of Arcanum; Olive, deceased, left two sons, George I. and Robert J. She was the wife of Stephen G. Helm; Onda, who is deceased, was the wife of Ed Ogborn; Bernice, who died in young womanhood.

William H. Ivester was reared on the home farm now occupied by him and his sister, Mattie J. He attended the schools of Arcanum, and at the same time assisted in caring for the farm and sawmill, and was in a flour mill business for a short period. With his sister, he inherited the homestead. His fraternal relations are pleasant, he belonging to Ithaca Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Coleman Commandery No. 17, K. T.; Valley of Dayton Consistory, and Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine, as he is not only a Knight Templar, but also a thirty-second degree Mason. In addition he belongs to Arcanum Lodge No. 341, I. O. O. F., and Arcanum Encampment No. 206. In politics he is a Democrat, but does not seek office, preferring to devote himself to his private affairs.

JAMES F. HECK.

Those who meet the oncoming years with dignified capability, backed by the realization that they have spent their time wisely and successfully, and strengthened by the knowledge of men and conditions gained through many aggressive movements as well as the calm performance of duties, are the most useful members of any community. James F. Heck, justice of the peace of Twin township, a resident of Arcanum, Ohio, is just such a man whose words and actions ring true whenever circumstances strike against the metal of his personality. A man of high moral courage, he has been unafraid in the pursuit of his goal, and in his office has wielded the power invested in him, wisely and judiciously, his verdicts not only being according to law, but also are meted out with a due sense of the equity of the case in hand. He is a man of whom Darke county is justly proud, although he is not a native of it, as he was born in Jackson township, Montgomery

county, Ohio, November 23, 1845, a son of Samuel M. and Catherine (Warner) Heck, natives of Virginia.

David Heck, the paternal grandfather of James F. Heck, was born in Virginia, as was his wife, who bore the maiden name of Magdalena Spitler, both coming of German descent. Like many of their day and locality, they became pioneers of Ohio, settling in Montgomery county, where the grandfather entered land eight miles west of Dayton, upon which he and his wife resided until death claimed them, when well advanced in years. Their seven children were as follows: Samuel M., David L., John, Catherine, Susanna, Elizabeth and Polly. During the war of 1812, David Heck proved his sturdy Americanism by enlisting and serving his country as a soldier. The maternal grandfather was Abraham Warner and his wife was named Sarah. Both were born in Germany, but became early settlers of a farm near Liberty, eight miles southwest of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Warner cleared off and improved a farm, upon which he and his wife died when past middle age. Their children were: Daniel, David, Catherine, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Growing up in Montgomery county, Ohio, Samuel M. Heck developed into a school teacher and civil engineer, although he later became the owner of land in Jackson township, that county, upon which he reared his family, believing that rural surroundings were healthier and better in every way for growing young people. His death occurred upon his property when he was seventy-six years old, his wife having passed away several years prior to his demise, at the age of sixty-five years. They were sincere members of the German Reformed church. At one time he was elected county surveyor and proved himself so expert in this kind of work, owing to his civil engineering training, that his decisions were accepted by order of the court in all disputes which arose relative to land surveys in Montgomery county. Six children were born to Samuel M. Heck and wife, as follows: Mary, who died unmarried; James F., whose name heads this review; Amanda, who is unmarried, resides at Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio; David B., who resides near Abbottsville, Darke county, Ohio, and one who died in infancy.

Until he was sixteen years old James F. Heck had the advantages offered by a residence at home, during which time he assisted his father and attended the schools of his district. Being an ambitious lad, at that age he began working in saw-mills in Montgomery county, and later pursued the same call-

ing in Johnson county, Mo., where he went in 1865. Two years later he returned to Ohio, and located near Gettysburg, Darke county, where he erected a sawmill, and spent several years at this point, during which time he was married. His next change was when he moved to a farm four miles east of Arcanum, and conducted a sawmill. Still later he located at Arcanum and operated a saw and hoop mill for a number of years, or until his plant was destroyed by fire in 1902. Subsequently he purchased a small farm of fifty-four acres, one and one-half miles west of Arcanum, which he still owns. In 1887 he built his beautiful home place at Arcanum, which has continued his place of residence ever since. A consistent Democrat, it was but natural that he should have been called upon to hold numerous offices, never failing to live up to the expectations of those who elected him. For two terms he occupied the executive chair of Arcanum, being, perhaps, one of the best mayors the city has ever had, and he has also filled many of the lesser offices. However, it is as justice of the peace that he is best known, for he has served as such for a great many years. In fraternal circles he affiliates with Arcanum Lodge No. 341, I. O. O. F., and the encampment of the same order, No. 206.

On January 3, 1868, Mr. Heck was married to Miss Laura A. Puls, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Worley) Puls, born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in the town of Farmersville. Her father was a native of Ohio, but her mother was born in Pennsylvania. They became pioneers of Montgomery county, Ohio, where both died. Their five children were: George Sylvester, Oliver, Laura, Ada and Samuel. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Heck married a Miss Fishburn, and both were natives of Pennsylvania. They had seven children, namely: Jacob, Samuel, George, Solomon, Daniel, Mary and Catherine. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Heck, Jacob Worley, married a Miss Mellinger, and their children were: Michael, Jacob, Margaret, Susanna, Diana, Elizabeth, Caroline, Rebecca and Mary Ann. Mrs. Heck is a consistent member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Heck became the parents of children as follows: Franklin V., Ada, Margaret, Alonzo, Omar, Roscoe, Fern and one who died in infancy. Of these above mentioned children, Franklin V. is in the hoop mill business at Columbus, Ohio, and doing well, although it is doubtful if he will equal his father who has the distinction of having handled

more timber than any man in Darke county. Franklin V. married Catherine Sissel, now deceased, by whom he had one child, Dale. He married for his second wife Clara Schaar, and they have one living child, Kenneth. Ada married Harry De Lapp and they live at Urbana, Ill. Their children, four in number, are as follows: Paul, Margaret, Robert and Lucile. Margaret married J. B. Wider and they live at Fremont, Ohio, having had two children, Madonna and Fred. Alonzo was a railroad engineer when he died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years. Omar is a telegrapher at Emporium, Pa. He married Christina McDonald, and they have one daughter, Helen. Roscoe is a civil engineer, who is unmarried and lives at Great Falls, Mont. Fern married Stanley Frizzell, and they live at Greenville, Ohio. They have no children. Mr. Heck is and has been for at least fifteen years notary public of Darke county.

JACOB MILLER, JR.

The real artist works toward high ideals whether he transfers his ideas to canvass or carves them in imperishable stone. No mere mechanic can produce masterpieces no matter how well he may know his trade; it takes a genius to create what will live after human dust has returned to its source, and the cunning hands that wrought have been stilled forever. With the growth of proper appreciation of artistic creation, has come a demand for high ideals, and those who understand set a standard others less well informed, follow. In nothing is this more true than in the furnishing of beautiful and appropriate monuments to mark the last resting place of the dead. In former times any kind of a tombstone was accepted without a thought as to its artistic value, but conditions have changed; people are becoming better educated, and demand that the man who designs and executes their orders must be one who has in his soul a love of the beautiful and the talent to reproduce in marble or granite his conception of true art. One of the men who measures up well to such requirements in every respect is Jacob Miller, Jr., proprietor of the Arcanum Marble and Granite Works of Arcanum, Ohio, who is conveniently located at Nos. 356 and 357 South Main street. Mr. Miller was born at Evansville, Indiana, in the county of Vanderberg, May 11, 1864. He is a

son of Jacob and Hulda (Pickhardt) Miller, natives of Wurttemberg and Rein-Preussen, Germany, respectively.

The paternal grandfather, Heinrich Miller (who spelled his name Mueller) died in Germany when his son Jacob was an infant, and as his wife died in young womanhood, their son was left an orphan at a tender age. The maternal grandparents were also natives of Germany, who became early settlers of Evansville, Indiana. The grandfather was a cabinetmaker and conducted a furniture factory at Evansville, where both died, he when seventy-five years old, and she when about seventy. Their children were: Hulda, Adeline, August, Amelia and several whose names are not known.

Growing up in his native country, Jacob Miller learned to be a cooper, but after coming to the United States, he became a minister of the Evangelical Association, and was stationed at Evansville, but was later transferred to points in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, but finally located at Dayton, Ohio, where he spent the remaining years of his life, being on the superannuated list. His death occurred there in 1892, when he was sixty-eight years old. His widow survived him until she was sixty-two years old, dying in 1900. Jacob Miller, Sr., served his country as a soldier for three months during the Civil war. He and his wife had the following children: William E., who resides at Chicago, Ill.; Amelia, who is deceased, was the wife of William Bibberstain; Jacob, whose name heads this list; Sarah, who is the wife of John Schafer, of Dayton, Ohio; John, who resides at Springfield, Ohio; Emma, who is deceased, was married; and seven who died in infancy.

Jacob Miller, Jr., attended school in the various places where his father's ministerial duties called him, passing through the grammar and high schools, and then took a short collegiate course at Toledo, Iowa. Learning the carpenter trade, he thought of following it, but found that his inclinations turned in another direction, so fitted himself for his life work by learning the marble cutting trade, and has followed it ever since. In 1898 he came to Arcanum, Ohio, opening a shop on a capital of \$100, ninety dollars of which was borrowed. From the start he prospered, for he demonstrated not only his skill, but his artistic talent, and now he conducts a business that necessitates the carrying of several thousand dollars' worth of stock, and has won recognition as a business man that is shown by his commercial rating.

On June 16, 1885, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with

Miss Ella Norris, a daughter of Robert and Clarissa (Van-Lue) Norris, who died in June, 1900. On April 6, 1902, Mr. Miller was married (second) to Bertha Mae Morrison, a daughter of Willis Morrison and they became the parents of five children: Sheldon W., Iona Fern, Frances Willard, Norman A., and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were natives of Darke county, Ohio.

Mr. Miller is a member of the United Brethren church and his association with this organization has been close and intimate. Influenced by his father's example, he took a course in the Union Biblical Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio, now known as the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and preached one year at Decatur, Ind., after which he studied for missionary work and spent two and one-half years at Serra Leone on the west coast of Africa. Returning to the United States he went to Iowa, where he had charge of a congregation at Garwin for eighteen months, following which he was located at Dunkirk, Ind., from whence he went to Geneva, Ind., but resigned to come to Arcanum to found his present business. His religious experiences make him all the more proficient in his work, and all of it is tinged with a reverent appreciation of the dignity of his calling, and the sacred duty the living owe to the dead.

SOLOMON EDGAR MINNICH.

For more than a decade Solomon Edgar Minnich, dealer in buggies, harness and tobacco at Arcanum, Ohio, has been accounted one of the responsible, solid and reliable men of this community. He is progressive and always ready to lend his aid in promoting those movements which look toward a betterment of existing conditions. Mr. Minnich was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, near Union, April 5, 1859, a son of Adam and Catherine (Ziegler) Minnich, natives of Montgomery county. Jacob Minnich, paternal grandfather of Solomon Edgar Minnich, was a native of Pennsylvania, where his wife also was born. They came to Ohio at an early day, making the trip in a one-horse wagon, the contents of which with the horse and wagon, comprised all their possessions. Settling in Montgomery county they began developing a farm, experienced many hardships and passed through all the ex-

periences incident to the times in that locality. The grandfather built for his family a house without nails, fastening it together with wooden pins. The life of these two most excellent people was passed upon the farm which they made from the wilderness, and here the grandfather died, when about seventy years old. His wife long survived him, living to be ninety-three years old. They had five children: Abraham, Lydia, Adam, Jacob and Anna. The maternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and a minister of the gospel. After his marriage with a Pennsylvanian, he and his wife moved to Ohio, where they battled with pioneer conditions. Both died in middle life, having had the following children: Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary Ann and John.

Adam Minnich spent all of his active years in farming, but is now living retired at Trotwood, Ohio. His wife died in 1901. Both were consistent members of the Dunkard faith, now known as The Brethren. Their children were as follows. Granville Webster, who resides at Greenville, Ohio; Solomon E., who resides at Arcanum, Ohio; Harvey C., who is dean of Miami Univeristy, and Ira C., who resides at West Milton, Ohio.

Solomon Edgar Minnich was reared in Darke county, Ohio, from the time he was about six years old, and there learned to farm, following that line of work until October, 1893, when he moved to Arcanum and embarked in a buggy, horse and livery business, later confining himself to handling buggies, harness and tobacco. In the last named commodity, he buys for Lewis Peters, an old Detroit house.

November 10, 1881, Mr. Minnich was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Sigerfoose, a daughter of George W., and Nancy (Shank) Sigerfoose, and they had four daughters, namely: Daisy, who married R. H. Burke, lives at Oxford, Ohio, and has one son Robert McNair; Mamie, who married Edgar C. Bussert, lives at Forsythe, Mont.; Nancy, who married Dr. J. D. Eichelbarger, lives at Swayzee, Ind., and has a daughter, Ruth Ellen; and Catherine, who married Harley H. Senseman, lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., and has two children, Wilford and Robert. Mrs. Minnich belongs to the United Brethren church. In fraternal matters, Mr. Minnich is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging in jurisdiction of the Valley of Dayton Consistory. Politically, he is a Republican and is now a member of the city council, and for several terms was on the school board.

Mrs. Minnich was born at Gordon, Darke county, Ohio, but her parents were natives of Montgomery county, Ohio. Her father died many years ago, but her mother survives, now being eighty-four years old. Their children were: Belle, Ellen, Charles P. and Edward, who are living, and two who are deceased. Charles P. is a member of the faculty of Minneapolis University, and Edward is a major in the regular army.

HARRISON B. HOLE.

If it were not for the acumen and business experience of the wholesale produce dealers of the country, the farmers would have difficulty in finding a profitable market for their products, and thus it is that men like Harrison B. Hole of Versailles, Ohio, are public benefactors. Throughout his long experience along this and kindred lines, Mr. Hole has proven his worth as a business man and his desirability as a citizen. He was born one mile north of Versailles, in Wayne township, Darke county, Ohio, June 13, 1864, a son of Harvey and Eliza J. (Brandon) Hole, natives of Ohio.

Charles Hole, the paternal grandfather of Harrison B. Hole, married Phoebe Baker, and they became pioneers of Darke county, entering the farm now owned by H. B. Hole. At that time this property was all covered with heavy timber, so it was no light task to clear it, or to place the ground under cultivation, but the grandfather accomplished these tasks, paying the penalty, however, of a shortened life, for he passed away in middle life, as did so many of those who endured the hardships of frontier life. His widow survived him many years. They had nine children: Jonathan, William, Adam, Lewis, Harvey, Benjamin, Lark, Abner and Mart. The maternal grandfather, John Brandon, and his wife were born in Ohio, and became pioneers of Wayne township, Darke county. They had the following children: Mary, Louise, Lucinda, Eliza J., Joel, John, Lewis, Lot and one who was unnamed.

During the boyhood of Harvey Hole he learned to be a brick molder, while he worked on the farm and attended school as occasion offered. Later on in life, however, he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of the eighty acres in Wayne township, formerly entered by his father, upon which he reared his family, and which is now in

the possession of his son, H. B. Hole. He also owned 160 acres in Patterson township, and forty additional acres in Wayne township, all of which was divided among his children. In 1885, he moved to Versailles, Ohio, and there he died in 1900, being seventy-five years old. His wife died in 1895, aged sixty-nine years. He was born September 3, 1825, while she was born June 18, 1826. They were earnest and devout members of the Christian church. An energetic man, although he retired from farming in 1885, Harvey Hole was not content to live inactive, so devoted some years to operating a sawmill. He and his wife had the following children: Marinda, who died at the age of five years; Lucinda, who is deceased, married William H. Stover, and have children, Margaret A., Harvey G., Isaiah K., Thomas B., Hettie (deceased), Clement H., Bryson and Eliza H.; Isaiah F., who resides at Versailles, Ohio, married Sarah Murphy and they have nine children, as follows: Harrison W., Charles H., Caroline L., George C., Mary F., Irma F., James C., Grace M. and Margaret S.; Margaret Ann, who married Milton E. Stover of Greenville, Ohio, and has two children, Ethel and Kell (deceased); Mary Isabel, who married Newton Beal of Versailles, Ohio, and has two children, Milton E. and Grace A.; J. B. Weller, of Versailles, Ohio, who is a prominent man of that place, married Lydia Mast and they have three children, Carrie, Bertha and Marie, and Harrison B., whose name heads this review.

Harrison B. Hole attended the schools of his district and found employment on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then began conducting a sawmill at Versailles, and in 1888 embarked in a poultry business which he has continued ever since. For thirteen years Milton E. Stover was associated with him, but he then bought out his partner and has continued alone ever since. Mr. Hole has several large plants, as follows: One at Versailles, one at Greenville, one at Arcanum, one at Dayton, one at Springfield, and one at Sidney, all in Ohio. He is one of the largest produce merchants that ships to New York city in this part of the State, his operations aggregating \$1,000,000 annually.

On December 18, 1890, Mr. Hole was married to Miss Otilie Engleken, born at Versailles, Ohio, a daughter of Barthold and Susanna (Kleinschmidt) Engleken, natives of Germany, the former of whom died in 1891, the latter surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Engleken had four children, namely: Anna Marie, Otilie,

Amelia and John Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Hole became the parents of the following children: Robert M., Homer M., Harvey B., William E., Norman W., Dorothy O., Mildred L., and Richard E., who are all at home, except Norman W., who died at the age of four months. The Christian church holds the membership of Mr. and Mrs. Hole. He belongs to Versailles Lodge No. 290, F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias. Strong in his support of the Republican party and its principles, he spent seven years as a member of the board of public affairs at Versailles and two terms on the school board.

In November 1913, Mr. Hole was elected mayor of Versailles, receiving 286 out of a possible 376 votes cast.

Mrs. Hole is prominent in church and social work, being a member of the T. E. O. Altruian.

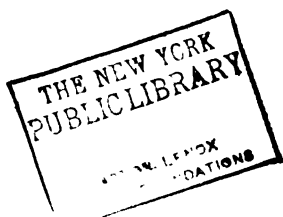
GEORGE A. KATZENBERGER.

For the high rank of her bench and bar Ohio has ever been distinguished, and it is gratifying to note that in no section of the commonwealth has the standard been lowered at any epoch in its history. To the subject of this review we may refer with propriety and satisfaction as being one of the able and representative members of the legal profession in Darke county, and that he is a native son of this county lends somewhat to the significance of the prestige which he has here attained.

George A. Katzenberger was born in Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, on December 11, 1867, and is the only son of Charles L. and Elizabeth (Ashman) Katzenberger. The mother, who was a daughter of the pioneer, Peter Ashman, departed this life in 1868, being followed a few years later by her only daughter, Mary. The subject's early life was spent in Greenville, where he was reared under the direction of Mrs. Rosina Rehfuss. His elementary education was received in the public schools of Greenville, completing the preparatory high school course in May, 1884. He then pursued a course of study in Nelson's Business College, at Cincinnati, upon the completion of which he accepted a position as head bookkeeper for the banking firm of Gilmore & Company, of Cincinnati. From July, 1885, to January 1, 1886, Mr. Katzenberger was the business manager for the firm, owing to the absence abroad of the



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principal partner, Virgil Gilmore. The continued illness of Mr. Gilmore made the dissolution of the firm a necessity and on the date last mentioned Mr. Katzenberger entered the service of the Cincinnati News Company as bookkeeper. In the fall of 1886, desiring to resume his studies, he resigned his position and entered the Ann Arbor high school, where he was graduated in June, 1888, three weeks after his class at Greenville. Having determined to make the practice of law his life work, Mr. Katzenberger commenced reading law in the office of Hon. John Reiley Knox, but shortly afterward began a course in the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in June, 1890, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Subsequently he was admitted to the bars of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. During his collegiate term Mr. Katzenberger was honored by being admitted to the Greek-letter society, Phi Delta Phi, a leading fraternity which had been founded in the law department of the University of Michigan in 1869 by Judge Thomas M. Cooley, the eminent jurist, who subsequently became the chairman of the interstate commerce commission. During his college career, Mr. Katzenberger was actively interested in various organizations, among which were the Shakespeare Club, Hobart Guild, Choral Union, Knowlton Nine, and was also an associate editor of the Michigan Argonaut and a correspondent in Michigan of the Columbia Law Times.

In July, 1890, Mr. Katzenberger, for the second time, accompanied his father to Europe, where he spent a year and a half, chiefly in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany. Arriving in Bremen in August, he enjoyed a Rhine tour and was at Bingen and Ruedesheim, enjoying their famous "Laetitia Deorum." He also visited the castles and palaces of the late King Ludwig II of Bavaria, and attended the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau. In October he entered the famed University of Heidelberg, where he spent two most enjoyable semesters, being a member of various musical, dueling and social organizations. Here, while attending the lectures on Grecian and modern philosophy by Kuno Fischer, he improved his knowledge of the German language, and, collaterally, acquainted himself with the literature of the land of his ancestors. However enjoyable those months were, Mr. Katzenberger yearned for his home land, where he desired to enter upon the active practice of his profession. He therefore, with his indulgent father, made a tour through Switzerland to

Milan and the northern lakes of Italy, and then, in November, 1891, returned to the United States.

In December, 1891, Mr. Katzenberger went to Cihcago and established an office opposite the court house, where he soon attained to moderate success and a standing in his profession worthy of his years. During the Columbian Exposition of 1893 he was the secretary of one of the educational committees of the World's Congress Auxiliary, and during 1903-4 he served as an assistant attorney of the bureau of justice. After the death of his uncle, G. Anthony Katzenberger, the subject returned to Greenville and for awhile assisted his father in business, but afterwards resumed the practice of law as the junior partner in the firm of Elliott & Katzenberger. In the law, his chief work is in the line of probate practice, civil cases, and the collection of foreign estates, in which latter work he has had uniform success. Besides being a member of the Darke County Bar Association, he has for many years been a member of the Ohio Bar Association. He always has been careful and systematic in the preparation of his cases and has been connected with some of the most important litigation tried in the local courts. He always commands the strict attention of courts and juries and of his fellow practitioners, and has never been known to fail in that strict courtesy and regard for professional ethics which should ever characterize the members of the bar. His life has been one of activity and has won for him the respect and confidence of his fellows to a notable degree.

At the national convention of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity in 1893 Mr. Katzenberger was elected the secretary and treasurer of the governing council, to which position he has been elected eight times successively, in conventions in Washington, Chicago, Ann Arbor, Iowa City, Columbus and New York City. During his administration twenty-two additional chapters of the society have been placed in the leading law schools of this country and Canada, and the fraternity nōw has forty-four chapters in as many law schools. In his capacity as secretary, Mr. Katzenberger, in 1897-8, compiled a catalogue containing five hundred and seventy-five pages, and in 1908 he published a second directory of members, with illustrations, containing three hundred and twenty pages. The amount of work involved in the compilation of these two volumes was stupendous, requiring accurate and painstaking care and countless hours of preparation of manuscript and reading of

proof. Several thousand volumes of each edition were purchased by members located in various parts of the world.

In the autumn of 1897 Mr. Katzenberger was nominated on the Republican ticket for representative to the General Assembly, and made a fair race in a county overwhelmingly Democratic. Subsequently he refused several nominations for public offices, preferring to participate only in conventions and on the stump. For a period of ten years or more, he has served as treasurer of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Greenville; is one of the directors and since 1900 secretary of the Greenville Building Company; for about ten successive years a councilor of the American Institute of Civics; a life member of the Harvard Germanic Museum and of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. Since its organization, he has been a member of the Greenville Historical Society, and for several years was its president, during which time a boulder, with bronze tablet inscription, commemorating the treaty of Greenville, was placed in a suitable site, and also a large granite shaft, with bronze tablet, commemorating the erection of a fort by Gen. Arthur St. Clair at Fort Jefferson.

Mr. Katzenberger has spent considerable time and money enlarging a varied collection of relics and curios acquired during a period of thirty years by his father and uncle Anthony and which was for many years kept in rooms above the old Katzenberger grocery. This collection was removed to the basement of the Carnegie Library and placed in the custody of the school board, who appointed Charles L. Katzenberger honorary curator, and Frazer Wilson, A. C. Robeson and the subject of this sketch curators. The museum now contains about forty cases of objects of general and historical interest, carefully arranged and catalogued by Charles L. Katzenberger.

Fraternally, Mr. Katzenberger, soon after attaining his majority, became a member of the Masonic order, and was for many years an officer of the blue lodge. He also served as treasurer and now is secretary of the chapter of Royal Arch Masons and also recorder of the council of Royal and Select Masters, while in the Scottish Rite of the order he has attained to the thirty-second degree, belonging to the consistory at Cincinnati. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and United Commercial Travelers.

At the age of ten years, while on a visit to Germany, Mr.

Katzenberger was an interested observer of the fall maneuvers of the army, witnessing a grand parade which passed in review before Emperor William I, and from that time he has taken a deep interest in military affairs. In 1907, on his return from a ten weeks' business trip to Europe, he entered the National Guard of Ohio, to which he was impelled by a sense of duty after reflecting on the military superiority of the countries of Europe. He was first appointed a staff officer, with the rank of second lieutenant, but was afterwards promoted to adjutant of the First battalion, Third regiment infantry, in which capacity he participated in the war maneuvers at Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, in 1908, and at the national shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1909. In 1910 he was made first lieutenant of Company M, of the Third regiment and assumed command on the resignation of its captain, being subsequently elected and commissioned to that position. While in command, his company was ordered to Columbus during the strike riots there, being on duty in various parts of the city and patrolling extensive lines of suburban railways whose tracks had been damaged by explosives and by the removal of rails. His company also participated in the maneuvers at Fort Benjamin Harrison in 1910 and at other events, such as the Preble county centennial, Wright brothers' celebration at Dayton, and the like. At the Camp Perry rifle range he has won two bronze medals for marksmanship with rifle and one for excellency in revolver shooting. He has contributed a number of articles of a military nature to local newspapers, and under his command the company's strength was increased from thirty-nine men to sixty-two. Eventually, however, finding that his military duties were interfering too much with other and more remunerative occupations, he reluctantly resigned in 1911. He is now a member of the Military Service Institution of the United States, the American Red Cross, the United States Infantry Association and the Society of American Officers.

In 1894 Mr. Katzenberger wrote a review of the life and works of David Dudley Field for the Chicago Law Journal. At odd times he has written much for the local press, but his most interesting biographical work is a fifty-page account of Major David Ziegler, the first mayor of Cincinnati. His collection of Wayniana and his variety of engravings of Joan of Arc are not equalled in this country. In his youth Mr. Katzenberger was interested in collecting coins and postage stamps,

but in later years he has, as diversions, turned his attention toward history, the writing of articles for the local press, criticisms and reviews of concerts and lectures, collections of engravings, rare books, etc.

In June, 1899, Mr. Katzenberger married Grace Miesse, a young lady of solid merit and varied accomplishments, and who is a popular member of the circles in which she moves. She is a talented musician, an ideal matron, and possesses to a notable degree those graces of head and heart which have won for her the love of all who know her. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to which she is eligible through her descent from Daniel Miesse, who served in a Pennsylvania regiment in the war for independence. In 1901 Mrs. Katzenberger made a trip to Germany, remaining there for several months. To Mr. and Mrs. Katzenberger have been born four children, two sons, Charles and George, and two daughters, Catherine and Martha.

Personally, Mr. Katzenberger is a genial and unassuming gentleman, whose social disposition and clean character have commended him to the good opinion of all who know him. In every avenue of activity in which he has engaged he has faithfully performed every duty incumbent upon him and is deserving of the high standing which he enjoys in the community where practically his entire life has been spent.

Mrs. Katzenberger is a charter member of the Altrurian club, is also an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Is a granddaughter of Dr. Gabriel Miesse, pioneer physician and surgeon of Greenville.

OTHNEIL SMITH SIMPSON.

The necessity for skilled professional men in the druggist business is universally recognized, and has brought into it some of the most alert minds of the country. Othneil Smith Simpson of Arcanum, Ohio, a member of the firm of Simpson & Cline, is one of the best pharmacists of Darke county, and a man who thoroughly appreciates the responsibilities resting upon them. He was born at Arcanum, Ohio, September 28, 1887, a son of Jesse W. and Lydia Luella (Schlecty) Simpson, natives of Ohio. The paternal grandparents were John Wesley and Elizabeth (Fourman) Simpson, natives of Pennsylvania. The grandfather was a farmer who brought his family to

Darke county, Ohio, at a reasonably early day, and locating in Twin township, there developed a farm and reared his children. Both he and his wife died on this property when well along in years. Their children were: Mary, Opher, Susanna, Jesse, William, Jennie and several who died in infancy. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Schlecty, married a Miss Arnold, and they became early settlers of Twin township, Darke county, Ohio, where they located on a farm. She died in middle age, but he survived her many years. Their children were as follows: Mary, Joseph, Lydia, Lucella, John and two other sons. The grandmother was the first wife of Samuel Schlecty, and after her death he married and had two children, Lota and a son. Following the death of his second wife he married a third time.

Jesse W. Simpson, father of O. S. Simpson, was born at Arcanum, where he was reared and educated. Here he learned the trade of a carpenter and developed into being a contractor, Both he and his wife were earnest members of the United Brethren church and lived up to their religious belief. Their children were: Othneil, Annie, Warren, Earl and Grace.

Othneil Smith Simpson had a boyhood that was very like that of his schoolmates, for he grew up at Arcanum amid normal surroundings, and after he had finished his course in the grammar schools, he entered the high school of Arcanum, and was graduated therefrom in 1908. Having decided upon his career, he entered Starling, Ohio, Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in pharmacy in 1910. Following this he clerked for B. F. Carter at Arcanum, until August 9, 1912, when he and Fred Cline formed a partnership and bought the business owned by Mr. Carter, the new firm becoming Simpson & Cline and continuing as such to the present day. The young men have a finely appointed store and control an excellent trade, their patrons appreciating first-class service and skilled attention.

Mr. Simpson was married August 21, 1910, to Elizabeth Greene, a daughter of Martin and Fanny Greene, natives of Ohio, the former of whom died in 1909, but the latter survives, Mrs. Simpson having been their only child. Mrs. Simpson makes her influence felt in the Methodist church of Arcanum, of which she is a valued member. Ithaca Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M., holds Mr. Simpson's membership. He is a Democrat in political faith, but has not had either the time or inclination to enter politics actively.

WILLIAM R. HAGEMAN.

As the poet has truly said, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land?" for each and everyone cherishes in his heart a love for his native place that nothing can eradicate. No matter where he goes; what sights he sees; what honors other countries or cities bestow upon him, deep down in his heart lingers that desire for the place that gave him birth. History proves this; men are constantly giving practical demonstrations of their love not only by costly gifts in the days of their wealth, but by years of steady and persistent efforts along business lines to forward the prosperity of their birth-places. William R. Hageman of New Madison, Ohio, is one of the men who believes that there is no place better for a man to succeed than the one in which he was born, and he is proving it every day of his life in the conduct of his department store, and his public-spirited actions as a citizen. He was born at New Madison, Ohio, September 3, 1856, a son of James F. S. and Anna (Pearce) Hageman, a full sketch of whom is in this volume and will be found interesting reading.

William R. Hageman was brought up in his native city and learned to love it in his home, for his parents were loyal to it. Its schools educated him until the age of fifteen years, when he began working by the month for a time, when he engaged with his father and continued with him for two years, learning the carpenter trade. His energies were next directed toward operating a restaurant, which he conducted in partnership with his brother Thomas O. for six months, at which time he purchased his interest, and remained alone for over a year. At that time he sold and, buying a team, alternated teaming and farming for another year. For the subsequent two years he worked at his trade, and then clerked for N. Townsend in his general store for two and one-half years. Liking the mercantile business, he engaged with Washington Warren for six months, when feeling that he had mastered the details of this line, he bought, in the fall of 1883, a bankrupt stock of groceries, and thus founded a business that he carried on for five years. In 1888, he bought a corner lot and he and his father built his present large department store building, in which he has carried a full and varied line of goods ever since. About 1910 Mr. Hageman took as a partner his chief clerk, Ezra Price, changing the firm name to Hageman

& Price. In the spring of 1913 extensive changes were made in the store building, the main structure now being a two-story building 44x85 feet, to which a wareroom gives added floor space of 15x24 feet. In addition to his mercantile business, Mr. Hageman is interested in the New Paris Telephone Company and on its board of directors. He is president of the New Madison Electric Light Company; president of the New Madison Building and Loan Association; vice-president of the Farmers' Banking Company, and owns an elegant residence which he built in 1899. A man of keen business instincts, he has carried on his operations honorably and above board, and has developed into a broad-gauged, progressive, farsighted man whose connection with a concern insures its success. In addition to maintaining his prestige as one of the leading business men of New Madison, Mr. Hageman has found time to give the city his services in the council for several years, and has been its treasurer, while for many years he was a valued addition to the school board of New Madison.

On June 4, 1885, Mr. Hageman was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elva Bowman, a daughter of George W. and Phoebe Jane (Noggle) Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Hageman have had three children, namely: Cloda Lorella, who married Warren M. Duffield, a farmer of Harrison township, has one daughter, Mary Elizabeth; Edgar Franklin, who died at the age of nineteen years, was a graduate of the New Madison high school, and having taken a year's course at Oberlin College, was preparing to return to that institution, when he was stricken with acute Bright's Disease, and died September 12, 1912; and Lucile Idella, who is at home. The death of young Mr. Hageman was not only a sad blow to his family, but it took from New Madison one of its rising young men, who, if he had lived, would doubtless have proven himself worthy of his family and native place. Mr. and Mrs. Hageman and two children belong to the Universalist church. He is a member of Fort Black Lodge No. 546, Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat; and staunch in his support of party measures and principles.

Mrs. Hageman was born in Harrison township. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Bowman, married Mary Bowman, both being natives of Pennsylvania. A history of the Bowman family is given under the name of D. W. Bowman, which will be found elsewhere in this work. The maternal grandfather of

Mrs. Hageman was Michael Noggle and he married Mary Mote. He was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, while she was born in Harrison township, Darke county, Ohio. George Noggle, the maternal great-grandfather, came to Darke county in 1812.

JAMES FINLEY STOUT HAGEMAN.

True greatness does not always consist in the taking of cities or the conquest of new lands. By far is it greater for a man to make a place in his community for him and his family; to uphold by precept and example, law and order; to give of his strength and ability toward a betterment of civic conditions, and to endeavor at all times to live up to his convictions, than to try and command the applause of the multitudes by spectacular achievements. Fame may be gained in an hour; the confidence and respect of life-long association is of long growth, but it lives, while the hero of today may be forgotten tomorrow. J. F. S. Hageman of New Madison, Ohio, is one of the best examples of a solid, reliable, steadfast man Darke county has known. His life has been filled with earnest efforts and quiet accomplishments, and now in his declining years he is crowned, not with the laurel leaves of victory, but with the true friendship of those who know that in him his community has a good citizen, a solid business man and honorable gentleman. He was born December 15, 1834, at Sharonville, Hamilton county, Ohio, a son of Adron and Elizabeth (Pittman) Hageman, natives of Ohio.

But little is known of the paternal grandfather of J. F. S. Hageman, although it is known that he was born of German parentage in the State of Pennsylvania, and followed farming as a calling. Among his children were: Simon, George, William, Jonathan, Squire and several daughters. The sons moved to Miami county, Ohio, settling on adjoining farming properties. The maternal grandfather was Joshua Pittman, who became an early settler of Hamilton county, Ohio, and there farmed and died. He had three children, namely: Elizabeth, Rebecca and William.

Adron Hageman grew to manhood in Hamilton county, Ohio, and learned the chairmaking trade, but only lived to be thirty-five years old, dying at that age at Sharonville, Ohio, in 1839. His widow survived him many years, aged seventy-

five years. After his death she married William Biddle. By her first marriage there were five children: Julia, who married Daniel Wilt of New Madison, is now a widow; Priscilla, who is the wife of William Ulm, was formerly married to Isaac Ault, and she is now residing with her second husband at New Madison; James F. S., Randolph Foster, who is deceased, and one who died in childhood. By her second marriage, Mrs. Biddle had two children, namely: Rebecca, who lives at New Madison, and Cecelia, who is the widow of Wilson Broderick, who died in 1913. Adron Hageman was a Methodist in religious faith, but his wife belonged to the United Brethren church.

J. F. S. Hageman came to Darke county, Ohio, in 1839, immediately following his father's death, being then but five years old, and for the next ten years lived on a farm two and one-half miles southeast of New Madison in Butler township. During this period he attended the schools of his district. Teachers were allowed to qualify in those days at a much earlier age than now, and Hr. Hageman was a mere lad when he began teaching, but after presiding over a school for two terms, he began learning the carpenter trade, and followed it for about a quarter of a century. In 1856 he came to New Madison, and for the past thirty-seven years has been a druggist of this city, and has the distinction of being the oldest living merchant of New Madison. During the Civil war he belonged to the Home Guards, and although he could not go into the field himself, he provided a substitute.

In the fall of 1855, Mr. Hageman married Miss Anna Pearce, a daughter of Greenbrier and Elizabeth (Curtis) Pearce, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: William R., who is one of the leading merchants of New Madison; Thomas O., who died unmarried, was a druggist; Sarah Elizabeth, who married Thomas Banks, lives at Muncie, Ind., and has two children, Ethel and Inez; Ida, who died in girlhood; Charles, who is railroad agent at Cambridge City, Ind., married Ida McClair, and has one child, Ganelle; Adron, who is employed on the Big Four railroad at Delaware, Ohio, married May Thuyet, and has one child by that marriage, but none by his second marriage with Fanny Darwood; Mabel, who married George Young, died, leaving six children, Beatrice, Edna, Jasper, George, John and William (twins); Harry, who is a railroad man of Chicago, Ill., married and has five children, Edgert, Edna, Frances, Marion and one un-

named; and Richard, who is agent for the Panhandle railroad at Milford Center, Ohio, married Ella Coates, and has four children, Ralph, Goldie, Harry and Hazel. Mrs. Hageman died September 20, 1911, aged nearly seventy-five years. At one time she was a member of the United Brethren church. Her parents were natives of Maryland, where she was also born, but became early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, where they died, having had nine children as follows: William, Mary, Charles, Elizabeth, Thomas, Wilson, Marion, Jane and one who died in childhood.

Mr. Hageman is a Democrat in his political views, and was mayor of New Madison, but resigned. For nine years he served on the school board of New Madison, and was a member of the city council for six years. For two terms he administered the finances of the city as treasurer; was a justice of the peace for fifteen years, and is now serving in his thirty-second year as a notary public.

JOHN C. COBLENTZ.

The best men for public office are those who have made a success of their private affairs, for a municipality is only a huge commercial concern of divergent interests. So many fail to get the proper perspective of civic duties, and imagine that they can be performed without any special fitness for the job. That this is not true, many disastrous administrations prove conclusively. However, John C. Coblentz of New Madison is a man who understands the business of conducting public offices, and in him his community has had the best kind of a mayor, councilman and clerk, and Darke county is now profiting from his sage advice, and keen judgment, as he is a member of its county board. As a private citizen he conducts a livery and deals in agricultural implements, and as business man and public official he lives up to his ideas of what is right. He was born in Butler township, Darke county, Ohio, October 15, 1862, a son of Harrison and Caroline (Hittle) Coblentz, natives of Darke county, Ohio.

George and Eva (Fouts) Coblentz, the paternal grandparents of John C. Coblentz, were early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, although he was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1812, and she in North Carolina. Locating in

Butler township upon their migration, these grandparents cleared and improved a farm near Otterbim church, and died upon it at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died at New Madison, Ohio, aged sixty-five years. They had ten children as follows: Kate, Mary, Ezra, Harrison, Susan, Elizabeth, George, John, Jane and Ellen. Nicholas and Elizabeth (Terischman) Hittle, the maternal grandparents, were natives of Wurtenburg, Germany, who came to Dayton, Ohio, in either 1820 or 1822, becoming later early settlers of Darke county. They had two children—Caroline and Celia A. Mrs. Hittle was the widow of a Mr. Schmidt when she married Mr. Hittle, and had had three children by her first marriage, namely: William, Jesse and Elizabeth. After the death of Mr. Hittle, she married a third time, being united with William Miller.

Harrison Coblentz was reared within half a mile of his present farm, and has been a farmer and stockman all his life. In addition to making a success of his agricultural ventures, he found time to hold the majority of the township offices, having been township treasurer for twenty-seven years; a member of the school board for many years, and for twenty years was a member of Darke County Agricultural Society. For a number of years he was one of the pillars of the old Otterbein United Brethren church, of which he and his wife have been members since childhood. They have had four children, namely: John C., Elizabeth, who is the wife of A. H. Judy of Fredericksburg, Va.; Kate, who is the wife of C. C. Brawley of Greenville, Ohio, and Frank, who resides at Dogue, Va.

John C. Coblentz grew up on his father's farm and attended the old school No. 5. Until he was married, he remained at home, but upon that occasion, he moved on a farm of his own comprising one hundred and five acres in Butler township, one-half of which was given him by his father, and conducted it from 1884 until 1899, a period of fifteen years. In the latter year he moved to New Madison and purchased the business of C. C. Brawley, at which time he formed a partnership with Albert Harter for the purpose of handling agricultural implements and stock. This association continued until 1906, when Mr. Coblentz took sole charge of the implement and livery business and his partner assumed charge of the stock business, the firm having been heavy shippers of live stock, and they are conducting separate concerns.

On January 17, 1884, Mr. Coblentz was married to Miss Isaline E. Wilt, a daughter of Daniel M. and Julia A. (Hage-

man) Wilt, and they became the parents of three children: Estella P., who married Walter Thomas, lives at New Madison, and has one son, Dyer C.; J. Warren, who works for his father in the implement business, married Grace Welbaum, and has two children, Maxine and John, and Edgar, who conducts the livery department, married Merlie Shumaker, and has one child, Clay. Mrs. Coblentz is a member of the Universalist church. Fraternally, Mr. Coblentz belongs to the Fort Black Lodge No. 413, F. & A. M.; Fort Black Lodge No. 546, Knights of Pythias, and to Big Foot Lodge No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men. In political faith he is a Democrat and is the present acting mayor of New Madison, having served previously during two terms in the same office. He is in his third term as a member of the village council, being its president, and was clerk of Butler township for four years. In November, 1912, he was elected commissioner of Darke county.

Mrs. Coblentz was born in Butler township, Darke county, Ohio, where her father was born in 1822, and died in 1909. Her mother was born at Darrtown, Ohio, in 1829, and is still living, making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Coblentz. The children born to Daniel M. and Julia A. Wilt were: Elizabeth, Mary, Lafayette, Theodore, Weller J., Adrian H., Irvin, Isalina E. and Elmer. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Coblentz was John Wilt, who married Margaret Manier, natives of Pennsylvania and Ireland, respectively. They became early settlers of Darke county, Ohio, coming here and making their home in the midst of dense woods. The maternal grandfather was Adrian Hageman, and he married Elizabeth Pittman, both being natives of Ohio.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HOSTETTER.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Ansonia who occupies a more enviable position than Thomas Jefferson Hostetter in financial and business circles, not alone on account of the brilliant success which he has achieved, but also because of the honorable, straightforward policy he has ever followed. Mr. Hostetter possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excel-

lent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his. For more than a quarter of a century he was connected with one of the leading business establishments of the city, an enterprise which he assisted to organize and build up, and his financial affairs have also been extensive, he being at this time vice-president of the Citizens' Bank. Aside from his personal interests, he is a man who constantly has the welfare of his community at heart, and whose signal services have aided materially in progress and advancement. Mr. Hostetter was born in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, November 14, 1849, and is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Hager) Hostetter.

The paternal grandparents of Thomas J. Hostetter were natives of Switzerland, who, on emigrating to the United States, settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they engaged in agricultural operations until they died at advanced ages. The Hager family was intimately associated with the early history of Maryland, and Hagerstown, in that State derives its name from one of the early progenitors. The maternal grandparents were farming people and passed away in Maryland, when well advanced in years, having been the parents of a number of children, among whom were Hiram, Samuel, Michael, Hannah and Caroline. Isaac Hostetter was reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in young manhood adopted the profession of medicine. He came to Ohio and settled in Darke county among the pioneers, being one of the first physicians in the county, and practiced while living on his farm, two and one-half miles east of Beamsville, and later in Beamsville during the latter years of his life. He died in the spring of 1861, aged fifty years, while his wife survived him some time and died in 1866, when she was fifty-one year old. They belonged to the German Reformed church and were kindly Christian people. In 1845 Doctor Hostetter was made a major general in the State militia, and also about that time was a member of the State Legislature. There were six children in the family: Hiram H., who is deceased; Selinda A., deceased, who was the wife of William H. Stahl; Elizabeth, the wife of Harry Alton of Monegaw Springs, Mo.; Samuel A. of Greenville, Ohio; Thomas J., Franklin P. of Osceola, Mo., and one who died in infancy.

Thomas Jefferson Hostetter was reared in Darke county, and this has always been his home. He was about two years old when his parents left the farm and moved to Beamsville,

and here he grew to manhood, attending the public schools there and also spending one winter in the schools of Greenville. Securing a teacher's certificate, he taught school for one term, but gave up educational work when he and his brother, Samuel A. Hostetter, formed a partnership and engaged in the drug business at Ansonia, this connection lasting for upwards of twenty-five years. At the end of that period his brother retired from the business to accept the cashiership of the Second National Bank of Greenville. Mr. Hostetter continued to conduct the business alone until 1903, when he turned it over to his sons, Roy E. and Earl, the latter of whom still carries on the establishment. In 1898 Mr. Hostetter was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Bank of Ansonia, and was its first president. It was organized as a private bank with a capital of \$10,000, but in 1905 was reorganized under the State banking laws and with a capital stock of \$25,000. Its present officers are: C. W. Wolf, president; T. J. Hostetter, vice-president, and F. S. Kiser, cashier. The well established and unassailable reputation of the vice-president for integrity, sound judgment and financiering ability have brought deposits from all sources. He is familiar with the theory and practice of banking, a broad-minded, far-seeing financier with great mental grasp and remarkable penetration.

On December 5, 1874, Mr. Hostetter was married to Miss Juliette Baughman, who was born in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Mary (Studebaker) Baughman, and granddaughter of William Baughman. Her father was a native of Germany and her mother of Darke county, Ohio, and both are now deceased. Their children were as follows: Emeline, Caroline, Juliette, Mary A., C. Franklin, Ida Irene, May and Lawrence E. To Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter there have been born four children: Estella, who married H. E. Rall and has two children, Estelle LeVon and Harland E.; Roy, who served in the United States army during the war with Spain and also participated in the Boer war, now physical director in the schools of Pasadena, Cal., was married in August, 1913, to Miss Hilda Hanson; Earl, still engaged in the drug business at Ansonia, married Bertha Bryson, and U. G., a traveling salesman who makes his home in Chicago.

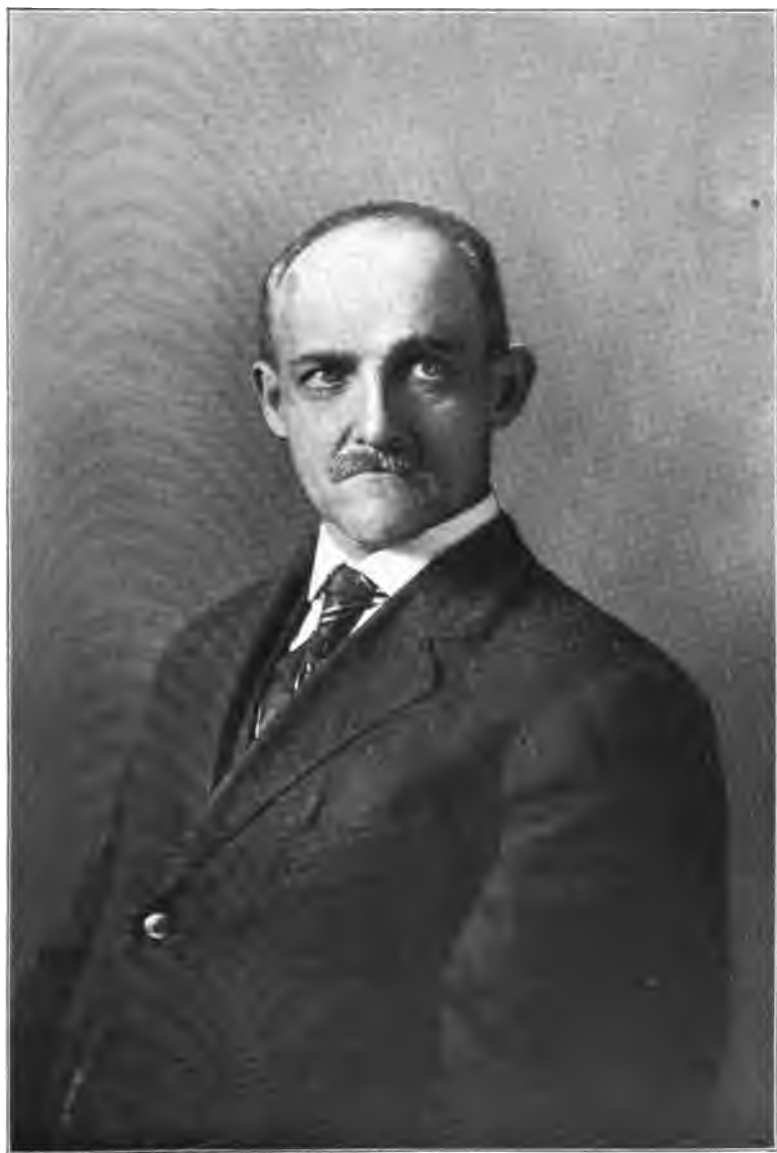
Mr. Hostetter belongs to the German Reformed church and his wife to the Christian church, and both have been active and liberal in supporting religious and charitable movements.

A sociable, genial man, Mr. Hostetter enjoys the companionship of his fellows, and is popular among his fellow members in Ansonia Lodge No. 488, F. & A. M., of which he served for two terms as master. In political matters a Democrat, he has been township treasurer on several occasions, has served also as corporation treasurer, was a member of the school board for a long period and for more than six years has been a member of the county board of visitors. His official service has been characterized by a consistent adherence to high ideals of public service and a conscientious effort to give to his services the same attention which has made him so successful in the business and financial world. Few men have done more for their community; none hold greater respect and confidence.

EDWIN ELLMORE MEYERS, M. D.

The services of professional men are being enlisted in civic matters all over the country, for the people are beginning to realize that the trained mind is better capable of properly solving municipal problems than those who have never had to bring to bear upon their work concentrated effort. None of the learned professions, however, have contributed so many earnest and public-spirited men as that of medicine, and in Dr. Edwin Ellmore Meyers of New Madison, Ohio, Darke county finds one of its most useful and efficient citizens. As a physician and as a man Doctor Meyers measures up well according to the standards of wholesome living and high thinking, and his practice shows that he has not been found wanting when weighed in the balance of public opinion with regard to his professional skill and capability. Doctor Meyers was born in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, March 27, 1866, a son of William and Lydia (Tillman) Meyers, natives of Butler county and Darke county, Ohio, respectively.

Joseph and Lavina (Shafer) Meyers, the paternal grandparents of Doctor Meyers, were born in Pennsylvania, but became early settlers of Twin township, Darke county, Ohio, where they located on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Arcanum, and there they rounded out useful lives, dying in old age. They had the following children: William, Mary, Maria, Louisa, David, Susan, Joseph and Hannah. Henry Tillman was the maternal grandfather, and he married Rachel



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Townsend. The Tillman family came from North Carolina, but Rachel Townsend was born in Ohio. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tillman located in Preble county, but later went to Darke county, where he became a heavy landowner, devoting his active life to farming, although in his declining years he moved to Greenville, Ohio, and there died a few years ago when nearly ninety years old. His wife passed away in young womanhood, having borne him two children, Noah and Lydia.

Darke county, Ohio, was the home of William Meyers, the father of Doctor Meyers, from the time he was eight years old, and here he grew to manhood, devoting himself to attendance upon the district school and acquisition of the rudiments of farming. The latter calling appealed to him, and he devoted his life to it, becoming the owner of eighty-seven acres of land in Neave township. This property he improved until it was very valuable, and he died upon it in 1877, aged thirty-three years. His widow survives him, being now sixty-nine years old. She is a member of the Methodist church which he attended in company with her. While not a politician in any sense of the word, William Meyers held a number of township offices and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He and his wife were the parents of two children, namely Doctor Meyers, and his brother, Sylvester A., who is operating the homestead in Neave township.

Doctor Meyers was not content with attending the schools of his district in Neave township, but took the high school course at Greenville, the normal course at Lebanon, Ohio, and then entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill. Having thus made ample provision for competent work, he taught school for four years, when he decided to expand still further, and taking up the study of medicine, was graduated from the Electic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1889, beginning his practice at Painter Creek, Ohio. In 1895, he left there for New Madison, and has been in an active practice here since 1896.

On May 1, 1889, Doctor Meyers was united in marriage with Olive Opdyke, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Hagar) Opdyke, and they have one daughter, Hazel. Mrs. Meyers belongs to the United Brethren church. Doctor Meyers is a member of Fort Black Lodge, F. & A. M., and to Laura Lodge No. 594, Knights of Pythias. Professionally

he is a member of the Ohio State Electic Medical Association, and the Electic Medical Association.

Mrs. Meyers was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, which State also gave her parents birth. Her mother died in 1911, but her father resides on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Opdyke were: Anna, Olive, Albert, William, Clara, Edith, Sylvia, Elmer and Ethel.

MILTON R. MILLETTE.

Recognizing the fact that on the journalistic field there is plenty of room for men with brains and vim, the young man whose name appears at the beginning of this review has chosen for his vocation the newspaper profession, with what degree of success is shown in his present well-kept establishment and the large business which he has built up. The editor and publisher of a newspaper occupies a vantage ground from which he may make or mar reputations or build up or tear down causes worthy of public approval and support. Not only the city of Ansonia, but the surrounding country in Darke county has reason for congratulation that the Ansonia Herald is in such safe, clean and thoroughly reliable hands. Mr. Millette is a native son of Ansonia, and was born January 16, 1890, a son of William K. and Frances (Arbaugh) Millette.

The paternal great-grandparents of Milton R. Millette were John and Sybil (Potter) Millette, the former born in Connecticut and the latter a native of New York, where they were married. They came to Darke county, Ohio, among the earliest settlers, when Indians still frequented the community. This John Millette named the village of Ithaca, Darke county, Ohio. Later they moved to the vicinity of Portland, Ind., where Mr. Millette purchased a farm, in the cultivation of which he spent the remainder of his life. While still a resident of Darke county, Mr. Millette served as justice of the peace and postmaster at Ithaca. Wesley Millette, the grandfather of Milton R. Millette, was born September 29, 1836, at Ithaca, Darke county, Ohio, and was married to Sarah Wilson, who was born south of Greenville, in this State. He was a wagon maker by trade, and worked at that occupation at Greenville, Rose Hill and Ansonia, and still resides at the last-named place. He and his wife were the parents of four children:

Frank E., William K., Charles C. and a daughter who died in infancy. The maternal great-grandparents of Mr. Millette were Samuel and Jane (Gibson) Arbaugh, who had a large family of children, among them Valentine, William, Perry George, Joseph, Samuel, Jennie, Lizzie, Ella and Peggy. Valentine Arbaugh married Margaret Hanlin, both being natives of Jay county, Indiana, where Mrs. Arbaugh died. They had a small family, including Frances and several who died as children.

William K. Millette was born at Greenville, Ohio, November 6, 1864, and as a lad of two years accompanied his parents to Jay county, Indiana, where for two years he lived on a farm. He then came back to Darke county, Ohio, and spent three years in Greenville and a year and a half in Rose Hill before settling permanently in Ansonia, which is now his home. After completing his education in the public schools of Ansonia, he learned the trade of barber, which he has followed for over thirty years, and has also been well known in musical circles as instructor of the Ansonia Concert Band, with which organization he has been connected for twenty years. On January 3, 1889, Mr. Millette married Miss Frances Arbaugh, daughter of Valentine and Margaret (Hanlin) Arbaugh and they had one child, Milton R.

Milton R. Millette was reared in Ansonia, and here attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age, at which time he learned the trade of printer, and has made this his life work. He entered the employ of the Ansonia Herald in the capacity of "devil," but has advanced rapidly, and on April 1, 1909, became proprietor of this paper. On January 5, 1909, Mr. Millette was married to Miss Pearl Woods. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flo (Moore) Woods. She is a graduate of the Ansonia high school. Her paternal and maternal ancestors were early settlers of Darke and Miami counties, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Millette are the parents of two sons, Richard H., now three years of age, and James Thomas, one and one-half years old. It is a progressive Democratic weekly, enjoying the support of a wide circle of readers and advertisers and under the capable management of Mr. Millette has grown to become a distinct influence in the community. In no avenue of business do men become so widely known as in journalism, not always as personalities, perhaps, but as influences, their printed thoughts speaking to thousands where their spoken ones could reach perhaps but a score. Hence

the grave responsibility of the journalist. The power of the press has many times brought reformatory legislation and more than once has changed public policies. Mr. Millette is endeavoring to give his readers a clean, live newspaper, printing the news fully and accurately. His efforts are doing much to advance his community's interests. He also conducts a well-equipped job printing establishment, where first-class work of all kinds is done. Mr. Millette is a member of the Christian church, while his wife is a Methodist. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall Lodge No. 356, of Ansonia, and in politics is a progressive Democrat.

CHARLES COPPESS.

The prestige of the old families of Darke county is unquestioned and members of these representative families have every reason to be proud of their inheritance. Coming to Darke county during its formative period, at a time when Ohio was emerging from the wilderness, members of what are now old families, had to possess qualities of an unusual nature or they did not survive the discouragements and hardships indissolubly connected with pioneer life. Conquering the foes of civilization, these sturdy pioneers from more eastern States, engrafted upon the new communities many of the desirable customs of their old homes and brought up their children to honor and obey organized authority and strive for moral perfection. To them is due the credit for sowing the seed of Ohio's present high standing and prosperity; their sons and grandsons garnered the harvest and protected it from destruction. One of the men of this portion of the commonwealth who is exceedingly proud of his connection through his ancestors, with the early history of Darke county, is Charles Coppess, dealer in hardware, stoves and implements at Ansonia. He is a native son of the county, having been born in York township, December 15, 1863, a son of John and Fanny (Longenecker) Coppess, and grandson of John and Rhoda (Horney) Coppess and Samuel and Annie (Schwanck) Longenecker. The paternal great-grandfather was Adam Coppess.

Adam Coppess, the great-grandfather of Charles Coppess, was born in North Carolina, but being of an adventurous spirit, was willing to brave the dangers of what was then considered

the west, and left his home in the southland for Greene county, Ohio, going from there to Darke county in 1824. With him in his operations, was his son, John Coppess, and they secured government land for which they paid the customary fee of \$1.25 per acre. From the property thus secured, they developed and made valuable many acres of land, and on it John Coppess's family was reared. The latter died in Richland township, at an advanced age. He was twice married, his first wife passing away when comparatively young, having borne her husband three children: John, Peter and Paris. After her demise, John Coppess married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland, whose maiden name had been Stephenson, and she bore him several children, four of whom lived to maturity, namely: Andrew, Adam, Jacob and Franklin, all of whom are now deceased except Adam. By her first marriage, Mrs. Coppess had two children who were named William and James McFarland. While the exact date of the establishment of the Coppess family in the United States is not known, it is a recognized fact that the immigrant ancestor came from Germany.

The maternal grandfather of Charles Coppess, Samuel Longenecker, located at an early day in Darke county, on the farm adjoining the elder John Coppess, and upon it Samuel Longenecker died when an old man. He and his wife had the following children: Fanny, Michael, David, John, Daniel, Nancy, Katie and Elizabeth.

John Coppess, son of John Coppess, Sr., and father of Charles Coppess, was born in Greene county, Ohio, while his wife was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio. John Coppess was only two years old when his father and grandfather migrated to Darke county, so that practically all his life was spent in this section. Growing up in Richland township, he attended its schools and learned farming with his father. However, when he began operating on his own account he located in York township, there clearing off a farm upon which he resided until he rented it in 1871, and moving back to Richland township, and lived there in retirement until his death in 1888, when he was about sixty-six years old. His widow survived him, passing away on her birthday, July 14, 1895, aged seventy-one years. They had prospered, owning two hundred and ten acres of land which their efforts had made valuable. Both belonged to the Christian church, in which he held various offices, and he was also prominent in the political life of his township, having been for many years a justice of the

peace. John Coppess and wife had three children: Rhoda Ann, deceased, who was the wife of George W Byard; Sarah Emma, who is the widow of J. T. Sproull of Ansonia, and Charles.

Charles Coppess grew up as any country lad, alternating attendance on the district schools with healthful work on the farm. After completing his school course, he was a teacher for a few weeks, but decided that farming was more to his liking, and remained with his parents until his marriage. Following that event he and his bride located on eighty acres of the homestead, which his father had redeemed from the wilderness, and in addition to conducting this property, he operated the fifty acres on which his parents resided. Both of these properties are now owned by him. Until 1895 he continued to farm them, but in that year moved to Ansonia and embarked in a hardware and implement business with F. M. Tullis, which partnership continued for seven years, when Mr. Coppess purchased the interest of Mr. Tullis and has continued alone ever since. His stock is a complete and varied one and he enjoys a gratifying patronage from a widespread territory.

On October 1, 1885, Charles Coppess married Miss Lydia M. Miller, a daughter of Hiram and Sarah E. (Smith) Miller, and they had the following children: Cora May, who is a graduate of the Ansonia high school, has taught school for two terms; Isaac Russell, who died when nearly nine years old; Minnie Dale, who died at the age of five months, and Cora and Ruth, who are both living with their parents. Mr. Coppess belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 488, F. & A. M.; to Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; to Matchett Council No. 91, R. & S. M.; Coleman Commandery No. 17, K. T.; and was a charter member of Dayton Consistory until he became a member of the Cincinnati Consistory, where he attained to the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. He also belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 605, I. O. O. F. and he and his wife and daughter, Cora, belong to the Eastern Star. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been called upon to discharge the duties of several offices, having been a justice of the peace for sixteen years, nine of them in Richland township, and seven in Ansonia. While residing in Richland township he was also a school director for two terms, and since he was of age he has been a notary public. Upon two occasions he has been sent as a delegate to Democratic congressional conventions and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party in this county.

Mrs. Coppess was born in York township, Darke county,

Ohio, where her life has been spent. Her father was also a native of the State, and her mother was born on the David Smith farm in York township. Both are now deceased, but had five children. They too, with the exception of Mrs. Coppess, have passed away. Hiram Miller was a soldier during the Civil war, belonging to the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and his death occurred while he was home on a sick furlough. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Coppess was William Smith, whose wife was Margaret (Ewry) Smith. They had three children: Sarah Emma, David W. Smith and a daughter who died in childhood.

ARTHUR EUGENE SEARLE.

The life record of Arthur Eugene Searle, a leading hardware dealer of Ansonia, Ohio, is that of a man who has by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His career has been one of industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable business methods which he has followed during more than twenty-seven years of commercial life have won him the support and confidence of his fellow citizens. He not only occupies a leading position in the world of trade and commerce, but is also well known among the earnest and public-spirited citizens who are endeavoring to advance the interests of Darke county. Mr. Searle is a New Englander, having been born at East Hampton, Mass., March 12, 1854, a son of Samuel A. and Amelia (Gladden) Searle, who were also born in the Bay State.

The paternal grandfather of Arthur Eugene Searle, Nathaniel Searle, was born in Massachusetts, as was also his worthy wife, and both died there, the grandmother having attained to the remarkable age of one hundred years, four months and some days. They had a small family: William, Aretus, Samuel A., Elizabeth Lawrence and a son who migrated to the west and whose history is lost. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Searle were also natives of Massachusetts, where they passed their entire lives, the grandfather being eighty-four years old at the time of his demise and the grandmother also passing away when well along in years. In their family of children were included Mary, Thomas and Amelia. Samuel A. Searle was reared in Massachusetts, where he received ordi-

nary educational advantages, and made his home on a farm between Westfield and East Hampton until coming west, when he settled at Sidney, Ohio, and for some time was engaged in contracting. In 1854 he brought his family to Darke county and settled at Dallas (now Ansonia) and there continued to follow contracting until 1863, at which time he made removal to Greenville, in which city he lived until 1871, and while there furnished the brick for the construction of the Turpen hotel. Another contract which shows his skill and good workmanship is the turnpike between Ansonia and Greenville, which he built in company with Moses Hart. Mr. Searle died at Greenville, at the age of fifty-three years, in the faith of the Presbyterian church. During his lifetime he accomplished much, and at all times maintained a high ideal of business fairness and the duties of citizenship. He was married (first) to Amelia Gladden, who died in 1857, at the age of twenty-seven years, and they became the parents of three children: Charles H., a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Samuel D., who died in New York, and Arthur Eugene, of this review. Samuel A. Searle was married (second) to Mrs. Alazanna Smith, the widow of Doctor Smith, and to this union there was born one daughter, Alice A., who is now the wife of Charles A. Watts, a resident of Monticello, Ill.

Arthur Eugene Searle was reared in Ansonia, where he was brought as an infant, and attended the public schools of this city and Greenville. An ambitious and industrious youth, he early began assisting his father in his contracting operations, but in 1871 made removal to Iowa City, Ia., and there was engaged in blacksmithing until 1876. At that time he returned to Ansonia, and here for ten years continued to successfully follow his trade. It had always been Mr. Searle's ambition to become the proprietor of a store, and with this end in view he carefully saved his earnings until he had sufficient capital, in 1886, to enter the hardware business, which he has followed continuously for more than a quarter of a century. During this time his excellent business and executive ability, combined with integrity of character, has won him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and public patronage has followed as a logical result. Mr. Searle has justly won the American title of "a self-made man." From early youth he has depended upon his own exertions for a livelihood, and has not only secured a living, but has overcome many obstacles and disadvantages in acquiring a comfortable competence. He is now at the head

of a good business and his success is justly deserved. He is a man of great energy and enterprise, of force of character and resolute purpose, and at all times his business has been conducted along the line of commercial honor and integrity. In his fraternal connection he is affiliated with Ansonia Lodge No. 605, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the encampment of that order, and Ansonia Lodge No. 356, Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, although he has not been an office seeker. With his family, he attends the Methodist Episcopal church and supports its movements.

On August 5, 1880, Mr. Searle was united in marriage with Miss Agnes O. Fry, who was born near Fort Jefferson, Ohio, the daughter of Hezekiah and Ellen (Guy) Fry. Her father was also born at Fort Jefferson, but the mother in Pennsylvania, and the latter died at the age of seventy-two years, while Mr. Fry still survives and is making his home with his daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Searle have had five children: Clarence Eugene, sales manager for the Allis-Chalmers Company, at Milwaukee, Wis., married Maude Bourguin and has one son, Bourguin; Thaddeus Guy, a traveling salesman for the Madera Lumber Company, of Madera, Mexico, married Edna Switz; Piatt Fry, a traveling salesman for the Hunefeld Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ferrell Gladden, in partnership with his father as junior member of the hardware firm of A. E. Searle & Son, married Charlene Corwin, and Don Aretus, who is attending the Ansonia high school.

ELMER ELLSWORTH VANCE.

Ansonia has become one of the most thriving and enterprising commercial and industrial centers of Darke county, and its prestige in the business and financial world is due to such men as Elmer Ellsworth Vance, whose efforts toward advancing the material interests of the city are so widely known that they can be considered as no secondary part in his career of signal usefulness. As president of the First National Bank he wields a distinct influence in the field of finance; in the capacity of president of the Electric Light Company he is closely identified with public interests; his contribution to the business life of the city includes a harness making shop and a tobacco store, and in social, political and fraternal circles he is also widely

and favorably known. A short review of the salient points of his career will show that his life has been one of industry and constant endeavor from earliest youth, and that the success which he has attained is but the merited result of industry, honesty and sustained and well-directed effort.

Mr. Vance was born in Van Buren township, Darke county, O., September 30, 1862, and is a son of Curless and Priscilla (King) Vance, natives of the Buckeye State. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Vance, Michael and Rebecca (Mills) Vance, were natives, respectively of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, from which latter State they drove overland in wagons to Montgomery county, Ohio, subsequently locating among the earliest settlers of Darke county. Both attained advanced age and died in Van Buren township, the grandfather being buried at Piedmont and the grandmother at Abbottsville. They had a family of twelve children: Curless, John, George, Harrison, J. Harvey, Mary Ann, Leathy Ann and Lucinda, and four children who died young. William King, the maternal grandfather of Elmer E. Vance, was also an early settler in Montgomery county, where he lived on a farm in the vicinity of Pymont. He and his wife were the parents of five children, as follows: John, Mahlon, William, Sarah and Priscilla.

Curless Vance was born, reared and educated in Montgomery county, Ohio, and in early life adopted the vocation of farming. When still a young man he came to Darke county and settled north of Arcanum, and here improved a farm and reared his family. In the meantime he had returned to Montgomery and located in the locality of Pymont, where his wife died about 1868, in the faith of the United Brethren church. They had been the parents of ten children, of whom eight lived to maturity: Emma, who became the wife of Hiram Swank of Dayton, Ohio; Leathy Ann, deceased, who was the wife of William Delk; Mary, who married Cyrus McGrew of Dayton, Ohio; William, who is deceased; Iola May, who became the wife of George Miller, and is now deceased; Elmer Ellsworth, of this review; Rebecca, who married Isaac Robinson of Van Buren township; George Oliver, residing in Iowa, and two children who died in infancy. A few years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Vance returned to Darke county and was married a second time, taking as his bride Mrs. Sarah Pierson, widow of William Pierson, who lost his life as a Federal soldier during the Civil war. To this second union there was one son: Herschel, who is now a resident of Mun-

cie, Ind. Mr. Vance died in 1900, aged about eighty years, and honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a faithful member of the United Brethren church, an industrious and hard-working citizen and a man upon whom his friends could absolutely depend.

At the time of the death of his mother, Elmer Ellsworth Vance left his home and came to Darke county to live with an uncle, William Weikle, until he was sixteen years of age. During this time he divided his time between hard work upon the farm and attendance at the district schools, and he grew up sturdy in body and alert in mind. For two years after leaving his uncle's homestead, he worked as a hand by the month, and then went to Vincennes, Ind., where he had no difficulty in securing employment in a sawmill. Two years later he returned to Darke county, and for one year worked in a sawmill, and for two years on a farm. Believing that better opportunities awaited him in the new west, Mr. Vance journeyed to Kansas, first settling in Brown county, later going to Kinnekuck, and finally locating on a farm in Meade county, near Meade Centre. The loneliness here finally drove Mr. Vance from his claim and for about a year he was a resident of Atchison, where he worked at various employments. Returning then to Darke county, Ohio, he settled south of Greenville and worked on a farm until 1887, then going to Winamac, Pulaski county, Indiana, where for two years he was engaged in farming. At the end of this time Mr. Vance embarked in the harness business as proprietor of a store at Winimac, which he conducted for two years. He then again returned to Darke county, and for a short time was located in business at Hollansburg, from whence he removed to Greenville, and remained in that city in the harness business for six years. In February, 1897, Mr. Vance made his advent in Ansonia, which has since been his home and field of endeavor. He has continued to conduct a flourishing harness business here, has also engaged in dealing in tobacco and is president of the Electric Light Company, and in 1912 was elected president of the First National Bank of Ansonia, an office which he has continued to hold to the present time. Mr. Vance has possessed the courage of his convictions, and when his opportunities have arisen he has recognized them and has not hesitated to grasp them. His success has not been a matter of chance, for he is possessed of abilities that no doubt would have enabled him to succeed in whatever line or what-

ever locality he found himself. His management of the affairs of the First National Bank stamps him as a man of rare executive and financial ability, and his associates have the utmost confidence in his judgment. He is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Ansonia Lodge No. 605, and of Ansonia Lodge No. 356, Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch Republican in politics, but has not desired public office, although he has discharged the duties of citizenship as a member of the Ansonia school board. With his family he attends and liberally supports the Christian church.

On November 15, 1889, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Mollie Corwin, who was born in West Baltimore, Ohio, daughter of William and Margaret (Hulse) Corwin, and granddaughter of Tice Corwin. Her parents, natives of Ohio, and both now deceased, had four children: George, Mollie, Russell and Leota. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vance: Hazel, the wife of F. Scott Gillespie of Richmond, Ind.; Major W., who is employed in his father's harness store, and Marie, who is attending Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

JAMES R. MARLEY.

Patrick Marley was born in Ireland, but his wife was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, although coming of Irish parentage. With his wife, Patrick Marley located on a farm in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where they died at advanced ages. Their children were: James, William, Daniel, Mary, Nancy and Charles. The maternal grandfather, Patrick McCahan, was also a native of Ireland, who after coming to this country, married a Miss Green, born in Pennsylvania. They were farming people who were spared to round out long lives. Their children were as follows: John, Alexander, James, Mary, Ruth, Elizabeth, Ann and Jane.

Charles Marley was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, developing into a farmer. His life was spent in his native county where he died in 1877, aged seventy-one years. His wife, also born in Juniata county Pennsylvania, survived her husband for two years, dying in 1879, aged sixty-nine years. She was a member of the Methodist church, to whose support her husband was a contributor. They had two

children, namely: Mary, who is the widow of E. Tilden of Ansonia, and James R.

Like his father, James R. Marley was reared upon the farm and there given a wholesome training in agricultural duties. His educational advantages were obtained in the schools of Juniata county, and he developed into a sensible, well-balanced young man. In 1878 he left his native place to come to Ansonia, where he has since resided, being for all this period continuously engaged in the general merchandise trade, so that he is now the oldest merchant in point of service, in the village. His stock is selected with a view to meeting the needs of his customers, and his trade is one that testifies to the appreciation in which he is held at Ansonia and throughout its contiguous territory.

In December, 1880, James R. Marley was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Koons, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Robison) Koons. One daughter, Anna, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marley, and she is residing with her parents. Mrs. Marley and her daughter belong to the Methodist church. Mr. Marley is a member of Ansonia Lodge No. 408, F. & A. M. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has not desired to enter into public life, preferring to exercise his influence in favor of civic advancement as a private citizen. Possessing in marked degree those qualities which indicate a genial, sympathetic nature, Mr. Marley has won and retains warm personal friendships, and is one of the most popular men of Ansonia.

Mrs. Marley was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and her parents were born in the same State, where they died. Their children, seven in number, were as follows: Edward, Thomas, Charles, Jennie, Elizabeth, Anna and Grace.

GEORGE HENRY REHMERT.

While every right thinking man desires to leave to his children a proper inheritance so that their lives may be less filled with discouragements than his own, still it is much more necessary that he transmit those qualities which make for good citizenship and high moral character than to place them among the wealthy class. Perhaps the Germans pass on to their descendants more sturdiness of character and perseverance of effort than any other nation, and the men who can trace back

to this stock, oftentimes find in the lives of those gone before the partial reason for their own ability to conquer circumstances and rise from small beginnings to a worthwhile eminence in the business world. This is the belief of G. Henry Rehmert, a lumber dealer of Ansonia, whose progress has been steady and always upward from the time when a lad of fourteen years he began battling with the world until today when he is at the head of a flourishing concern and a leader in the business life of his community, for he recognizes in himself the same characteristics owned by his German forebears. His birth occurred at Pikeville, Darke county, Ohio, October 11, 1869, he being a son of the German born Henry Rehmert and his wife who bore the maiden name of Mary Huber. While she was born in Ohio, she too, was of German parentage, her father George Huber having located in Darke county, Ohio, about 1847, coming to this locality from his native land. His widow, who survives him, until November 9, 1913, was also a German by birth. The death of George Huber occurred in Greenville township when he was seventy-eight years old. He and his wife had thirteen children: Helen, Mary, Fred, Daniel, Andrew, Millie, Philip, George, Nannie, Caroline, Sophia, Matilda, and one who died in infancy. The paternal grandparents of G. Henry Rehmert were William and Charlotte (Dahme) Rehmert, who died in Greenville township, he passing away when about seventy-eight years old, and she when eighty three years old. They had seven children: William, Henry, Charlotte, Caroline, Louis, Sophia and Charles.

Henry Rehmert, the father of G. Henry Rehmert, was only two and one-half years old when brought to the United States by his parents from Germany, who located in Richland township, Darke county, O., and there he was reared, being taught during the formative period farming in all its details. However, the first work of his mature years was connected with railroading, but he subsequently returned to farming and is now one of the prosperous agriculturalists of Richland township, where he owns sixty-two acres of land. This property is the same one on which his children were reared. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church of their locality. Their children were ten in number, and nine grew to maturity, namely: G. Henry; Caroline, who is the wife of Ira Hollinger of Stelvideo, O.; Daniel, who is of Columbus, O.; William, who died in 1906; Sophia, who is the wife of H. M. Byrd of Versailles, Ohio; Nannie, who died in

infancy, having been a twin sister of Sophia ; Charlotte, who is the wife of J. O. Winters of Greenville, O. ; Emma, who is the wife of J. W. Strader ; Mayme, who is the wife of Fred Thomas of Pikeville, O. ; and Luella, who is unmarried, lives with her parents.

G. Henry Rehmert attended the schools of his district until he was fourteen years old and at the same time rendered efficient service to his father on the farm. When he left school at fourteen, he began working by the month among neighbors, thus continuing for several years, and then was employed at the Children's Home for some time. Being ambitious, he began learning the carpenter trade, for he wanted to have a calling upon which he could always fall back in time of need, and followed it very profitably for eight years. During that period he had formed many acquaintances and learned conditions so that he was able to branch out as a contractor. For the next eleven years he secured and executed contracts in his line at Ansonia and in its vicinity, and all this time kept on perfecting his connections until on January 31, 1909, he embarked in a lumber business at Ansonia. This latter venture has proven a success in every way and he has built up a large and steadily increasing trade.

On June 24, 1890, G. Henry Rehmert married Miss Dora Sprowl, a daughter of John and Margaret (Siep) Sprowl. One daughter, Helen, was born of this marriage. Mrs. Rehmert died May 26, 1911, aged forty-seven years. She had been born near Greenville, Darke county, O., where her parents, native Ohioans, had located early in its history. There were five children in the Sprowl family, namely: Ella, Samuel, Dora, William and Maude. Mr. and Mrs. Rehmert early united with the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rehmert belongs to Ansonia Lodge No. 356, K. of P. He was a member of the village council for several terms, and is an independent Democrat. While not a public man in any sense of the word, Mr. Rehmert has always endeavored to spare sufficient time from his business cares to study carefully any civic problems presented to the people for their consideration so that he has cast his vote intelligently and helpfully. In the office to which his fellow citizens elected him, he showed conscientious appreciation of the responsibilities devolving upon him and left his village the better for his efforts in its behalf. As a business man, Mr. Rehmert's record is unsullied and his church and fraternal connections are desirable. The success which has been his would have been im-

possible had he not used correctly and intelligently the qualities which he inherited and aimed high, keeping in mind all the while the fact that his ambitions could be carried out were he willingly to labor hard and save thriftily, denying himself today's luxuries to provide for tomorrow's needs.

JOHN AUGUST ARMBRUSTER.

John A. Armbruster, owner and proprietor of an up-to-date bakery and store at 131 Martin street, Greenville, Ohio, is well known for his business enterprise and good citizenship. He is a native of Ludington, Mason county, Michigan, born January 4, 1875, son of Matthew and Stephanie (Bertsch) Armbruster, natives of Germany, who in early life came to the United States and identified their interests with their adopted country. The father was born April 13, 1846, at Wurtemberg, Oberndorf, and the mother, December 24, 1846, at Unterhausen, Rutlingen. In 1866 he located in Wisconsin, and in 1869 removed to Butler county, Ohio, having in the meantime learned the trade of butcher in the former state. In 1879 he removed from Hamilton to Darke county, Ohio, and is now a resident of Greenville, being retired from active life. Mrs. Armbruster departed this life on April 3, 1913, and is buried in Greenville cemetery. They had three children: John August, whose name stands at the head of this sketch; Lula, wife of William C. Motzer, of Hamilton, Ohio, was born there; Anna Marie, born in Greenville, is the wife of Charles Bereis, of that place.

John A. Armbruster was about four years of age when his parents came to Darke county, and it was in Greenville schools that he was educated. At the age of fifteen years he went to Hamilton to learn the trade of baker, continuing at Cincinnati, where he completed his knowledge of the technical and practical phases of the work. For some time afterwards he was employed in a baking establishment at Versailles, where he was foreman and manager, and while living there was married, August 18, 1896, to Miss Sarah C. Miller, of Sidney, Ohio, who was born in Ansonia, Darke county, June 3, 1875, and is the daughter of Isaac and Martha J. (Knieriem) Miller. Mr. Miller was born at Savona, Darke



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county, January 13, 1853, is a baker by trade and works in the shop of Mr. Armbruster. Mrs. Miller was born in Ansonia, Darke county, June 15, 1857. Her father, William Knieriem, was one of the pioneer settlers, having come to Ansonia in 1830, when the region was a wilderness. Like the other early comers he had to clear his land and break the virgin soil to put in his crops. He and his wife bravely bore the hardships and toils of pioneer life and established a family that has been identified with the best interests of Darke county. William Knieriem served in the Civil War with valor and distinction. Isaac Miller and wife had two children: Mrs. Armbruster and another daughter, Cora, wife of Arthur Seeley, who died March 12, 1914, and is buried in Greenville cemetery.

Mr. Armbruster remained one year at Versailles after his marriage and came to Greenville, December 14, 1897. He purchased his present place and has made additions and improvements from time to time, until he has the largest establishment of the kind in the county, and ships his products to some thirty-five different points in the vicinity of Greenville. He turns out only first-class goods, made in strict accordance with the rules for sanitation and high quality, and buys the best of supplies for use in his plant. He started in a small way and has built up a large business through his upright dealings and good business qualities, as well as the merit of his products. He is thorough master of his trade and takes great pride in his well-deserved success. His wife has been of great assistance to him in conducting the business. They live in the second story of the building containing the store. Mr. Armbruster is a Democrat in politics and always ready to help along any cause for the public good. He and his wife are members of St. Paul Lutheran church, of which he has been a deacon, trustee and treasurer. He is a representative citizen, has a large number of friends and enjoys the respect of his fellow-citizens. He is very fond of reading; keeps abreast of the times in general affairs and they are able to enjoy many of the comforts that add to the joy of existence.

Two promising children brighten the home of the Armbrusters: John M., Jr., born November 23, 1899, a student in high school, and Amba Katherine, born November 20, 1901, also attending school.

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HENRY COLLETT.

When the great struggle between the North and South was ended in 1865, and the men who had served their country or fought according to their principles were sent back home, many embraced an agricultural life and in the years that have elapsed have developed into successful farmers whose prosperity warrants their retirement when the shadows of declining years begin to gather about them. The requirements of farm work are of such a nature that those who have devoted themselves during mature years to such activities, feel that they have given enough of themselves to increasing their worldly holdings, and desire more leisure to devote to civic matters and consideration of problems which interest them. From boyhood Henry Collett, of Ansonia, has proven his worth as an efficient worker and become one of the most respected and honored of the retired farmers of his locality. Never shirking a duty, however onerous, he has fairly earned his material success as well as the respect of his fellow citizens and his progress in life demonstrates that honesty of purpose and uprightness of living are valuable assets for any man.

Henry Collett comes of excellent stock tracing back on his father's side to Judge Jonathan Collett, a judge of the courts at Xenia, Ohio. Judge Collett married a Miss Berry and they came from Greene county to Darke county, where they were numbered among the pioneers. On the maternal side of the house, Henry Collett's grandparents were Henry Boyce and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lee. Born in New York State, these two came to Darke county, Ohio, during its pioneer days and here he found ready employment at his trade of cabinet making. Mrs. Boyce died some years before her husband, who passed away in 1863. They had a large family, among the children being: Frances M., Marietta, Caroline, John, Cyrus and Edward.

The father of Henry Collett was also named Jonathan Collett, and he was born in Greene county, Ohio, but in young manhood came to Darke county, Ohio, settling below Greenville, where he engaged in farming, operating the old Arnold property. Later he moved to the old Gard farm, and there he died May 2, 1852, when over forty years of age. He had married Frances Boyce, a native of New York State, and they had the following children: Henry, who lives at Ansonia,

Ohio; Miranda, who is the wife of Andrew Baird of Greenville, connected with Baker's store; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Francis Gregg, and (second) of Charles Bartling; Susan, who died unmarried, and Adaline, who also died unmarried. The mother of this family survived her husband for many years, passing away April 21, 1902, when she was seventy-one years old. Both she and her husband were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which Jonathan Collett served as class leader and steward. While residing in Greenville township he was called upon to serve as tax collector and proved himself a man of worth in public matters, as he had in private life.

Henry Collett was born on the old Boyce farm two miles south of Greenville, Ohio, September 11, 1841, and was reared in Greenville township, being taught the duties pertaining to an agricultural life, while at the same time he received the educational training afforded by the schools of his district. When he was only twelve years old he had the misfortune to lose his father, and as he was the eldest, his mother naturally looked to him for support and heavy responsibilities were laid upon his young shoulders. His grandfather took the little family to his own property and Henry found plenty of opportunity to make himself useful in farm work. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, he was twenty years old and residing with his mother and sisters. Although he was a widow's only son, he felt that his country demanded his first thought, and his patriotic mother seconded his desire to enlist so that he became a private in Company I, Fortieth Ohio volunteer infantry, his period of service extending over three years and twenty days. During this time he participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the war, including those of Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga and the Atlanta campaign, from which he was sent back to Nashville, Tenn. During the battle of Chickamauga, he was wounded by a gunshot in the left hand, but not so as to incapacitate him.

With the close of hostilities, he returned to Darke county and resumed his peaceful occupation of farming, for the seven succeeding years renting land for his operations. Having by then saved some money, he invested it in fifty-two acres of land, upon which he erected a comfortable brick residence, large barn and made many other improvements, so that when he sold this property, he received an excellent figure for it. In 1890 he retired from the farm, and moving to Ansonia has

since been one of its substantial residents. A Republican, he has given his party faithful service but not cared to enter public life as an office holder. For many years he has taken pleasure in meeting his old comrades in J. M. Fifer Post, G. A. R., No. 632, of which he is the present commander.

On March 26, 1867, Henry Collett married (first) Miss Sarah Ann Deardoff, a daughter of Peter and Deborah Ann (Hankerson) Deardoff. Seven children were born of this marriage, as follows: Jonathan P., Anna J., Martha, William, Charles and two who died in infancy. Jonathan P. was a school teacher in early life, but later became a dentist and is now building mausoleums, residing at Greenville, Ohio. He is married and has two children, George and Ethel. Anna J. married David Johnson. They live in Illinois and have two children, Laverne and Edward. Martha married William Minton, they live at Dayton, Ohio, and have one living child, Margaret. William married a Miss Baker, they live at Dayton, Ohio, and have one daughter, Fausta B. Mrs. William Collett died in April, 1909. He married (second) Miss Cora Ridgeway of Dayton in 1911. Charles married Beryl Tullis, they live at New York City and have a son, Marion. The first Mrs. Collett died December 13, 1906, and was laid to rest in the Greenville cemetery on November 21, 1912. which is her final resting place, and will be the resting place of Mr. Collett and his family.

On April 18, 1908, Henry Collett married Miss Lavina Sieg, a daughter of Paul K. and Rebecca (Van Meter) Sieg. Mr. and Mrs. Collett belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Collett is a trustee. Mrs. Collett was born in Hardin county, Ohio, August 20, 1850. When her father was ten years of age he was brought from Virginia to Hardin county, Ohio, by his parents, and grew to mature years in the latter locality. His wife was born in Pickaway county Ohio, in the vicinity of Circleville. Paul K. Sieg died at the age of sixty-five years, but his wife passed away many years prior to that. She was born June 13, 1816, and died May 22, 1852, so that she was only thirty-six years old at the time of her demise. She had borne her husband four children who survived to grow to maturity, they being: Lydia C., Adelia, Rosa Belle and Lavina. After the death of his first wife, Paul K. Sieg married (second) Margaret Evans, and they had nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, they being Henry Casey, Robert E., Lovina, Jacob, David, Mary, Paul, Jonathan B. and Darius M.

ROLL MANN MILLER.

A native son of Ansonia, Ohio, Roll Mann Miller has spent his entire career here, and has directed his activities so well that today he stands in the forefront among the younger generation of business men of the city. As the proprietor of one of Ansonia's leading mercantile establishments, he has proven his business worth and stability and at all times has well merited the confidence which has been placed in him. Mr. Miller was born in Ansonia, February 10, 1883, and is a son of Mann H. and Josephine (Williams) Miller, natives of Darke county. Their sketch appears on another page of this work. His paternal grandparents were Riley B. and Phoebe (Chambers) Miller, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, early residents of Darke county, while on the maternal side his grandparents were Samuel and Mary Jane (Linkenhoker) Williams, who were also pioneers of Darke county.

Roll Mann Miller received his education in the public schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1901. In the meantime, at the age of seventeen years, he proved his industry and ambition by working as a clerk in the mornings and evenings, and after completing his schooling took up clerking as a steady occupation. After three years he resigned his position to become a rural mail carrier, and for six years was thus engaged, but in March, 1909, again entered mercantile life when he purchased the store of Ed Schmidt. He handles a full and up-to-date line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries, novelties, etc. By industry, perseverance and up-to-date methods he has built up an excellent business, receiving a full share of the people of his community. Mr. Miller is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Ansonia Lodge No. 605, and he and his wife hold membership in the Rebekahs. They are consistent attendants of the Christian church, and both are widely and favorably known in the younger social set, their handsome modern home being the scene of many festivities of a social nature. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Miller takes a keen interest in matters that affect the welfare of his community, and has served one term as township treasurer.

On September 6, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Minnie Winterroud, daughter of Albert and Florence (Kester) Winterroud. One daughter, Louise, has been born to this union. Mrs. Miller was born three miles west of An-

sonia, her parents being natives of Darke county. Her mother has passed away, but Mr. Winterroud still survives. There were six children in the family, of whom four survive: Minnie, Hazel, and Ernst and Earl, twins. Mrs. Miller's grandparents were Sylvester and Elizabeth (Riegle) Winterroud, natives of Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. BAUGHMAN.

The combination of human endowments which makes for success in varied fields, though a rare one, is embodied in the person of George W. Baughman of Ansonia, Ohio. For forty years a resident of this city, he has been engaged in agriculture, the ice business and dealing in agricultural implements, and whatever he has given his attention to has yielded a satisfactory measure of success, so close has been his application and so well directed his efforts. In the meantime, in spite of the great demands made upon him by his business enterprises, he has found time to devote to the needs of his city, and for more than thirteen years has been an active and public-spirited member of the city council. Mr. Baughman was born in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, October 28, 1869, and is a son of William and Catherine E. (Bertz) Baughman.

John H. Baughman, the paternal grandfather of George W. Baughman, was a native of Germany, where he was educated, reared and married, and where he served for several years in the German army. Desiring to better his condition and to make a home for his growing family, he emigrated to the United States and located in Darke county, Ohio, where he took up government land in Brown township, and there developed a valuable farm. He lived to advanced years, passing away on his eighty-eighth birthday at the home of his son William. The grandmother passed away some years before. They were the parents of seven children: Simon, Casper, John, William, Fred, Eliza and Catherine. John Bertz, the maternal grandfather of George W. Baughman, was also born in the Fatherland, where he followed the trade of shoemaker until his death. Following this his widow brought her children to the United States and settled at Beamsville, in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, where she died when just past middle life. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bertz: Enos, George, Mary M., Catherine E. and Sophia.

William Baughman was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to America, and his youth was spent in Brown township, where he attended the district schools and subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits. Later he turned his attention to mercantile lines, moving to Ansonia and embarking in the hardware and implement business. A man of industry and thrift, he was successful in his operations, and when he died in 1888, at the age of sixty-five years, he was accounted one of the substantial men of his community. The mother's death occurred in 1903, when she had reached the age of seventy-six years. Both were originally Lutherans, but in Ansonia united with the Christian church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baughman were as follows: Solomon, residing near Bradford, in Adams township, Darke county; Mary Jane, the wife of Moses A. Hansehalder of Columbus, Kans.; George W., of this review; William A., of Brown township; Lucy B., who is the wife of Edward Schmidt of Brown township; Charles B., also of Brown township; Augustus, who is residing on the old home place, and three children who died young.

George W. Baughman was given ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Ansonia, and received his introduction to business life and methods in his father's hardware store, in which he worked for seven years. Following this he took up draying and farming, and was thus engaged for twenty years, and is still the owner of a property of seventy-five acres, located just east of Ansonia. In 1900 Mr. Baughman entered the mercantile field as the proprietor of an agricultural implement business, and this he has conducted to the present time with a full measure of success, also having been engaged in the ice business during the summer seasons for some years. He is not affiliated with any of the regularly established political parties, but prefers to give his support to men and measures rather than to any political party, and consequently casts his vote independently. He has taken, however, a keen and active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Ansonia, and for eighteen years has served faithfully as a member of the village council.

On February 22, 1902, Mr. Baughman was married to Miss Emma Schmidt, daughter of Gottlieb and Dorothy (Wolf) Schmidt, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Dorothy. Mrs. Baughman was born in Dayton, Ohio, but reared in Brown township. Her parents were natives of Ger-

many and early settlers of Brown township, where the mother still resides, the father having met his death on the Big Four railroad in 1905, when about seventy years of age. There were eight children in the Schmidt family: Henry, William, Edward, Lizzie, Emma, Catherine, Ella and Clara.

MANN H. MILLER.

For thirty-five years Mann H. Miller has been closely identified with the business life of Ansonia, Ohio, and his activities during this time have given him a prominent position among the men whose energy and progressive spirit have materially aided in making this city one of the leading commercial centers of this part of the State. As directing head of the firm of M. H. Miller & Son, dealer in granite and marble monuments, he has built up an industry which has become one of the leaders in its line, while in public and fraternal life his signal services have been no less progressive and helpful. Mr. Miller was born in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, December 22, 1851, and is a son of Riley B. and Phoebe (Chambers) Miller.

John and Elizabeth (Mann) Miller, the paternal grandparents of Mann H. Miller, were natives of Pennsylvania and pioneer settlers of Darke county, where they owned the farm on the site of old Fort Brier, in Richland township, there dying in advanced years. They were the parents of nine children: Riley B., Job, Mann, Michael, Rachel, Ruth, Margaret and Ellen. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Miller were early settlers at Huntsville, Butler county, Ohio, and were the parents of four children: Phoebe, Joshua, Jane and Mary. After the death of Mr. Chambers, his widow married (second) a Mr. Akers, and they had two daughters, Margaret and Martha. Riley B. Miller was born in Pennsylvania, and was a small boy when he accompanied his parents to Richland township. He grew to manhood on the home farm and adopted agricultural work for his life's vocation, accumulating a valuable tract of one hundred and eighty acres of land. He died November 1, 1855, when aged only thirty-one years, while the mother, a native of Ohio, survived him a long period, and died December 13, 1881, aged fifty-one years, five months, twelve days. They were the parents of four children: Mann H., of

this review; Joshua, who is deceased; Elizabeth J., the widow of William J. Ross, of Rossburg, Ohio, and one child who died in infancy.

Mann H. Miller was but four years of age when his father died, and at that time he went to make his home with John Hagerman of Allen township, with whom he resided until grown to young manhood. He was given but scant educational advantages, but made the most of his opportunities, and through observation and reading has gained much knowledge concerning the important things of life, so that today he is a very well-informed man. After his marriage, he was engaged in farming for two years, and then moved to Ansonia and for several years was engaged in the livery business, subsequently operating a gristmill and elevator for a little over twelve months. Eventually he turned his attention to the granite and marble business, and in this line he has continued for thirty-five years. Mr. Miller today is justly accounted one of the substantial men of business of Ansonia. He is building monuments of a high order, embodying beauty, art and permanency; he is conducting an honest, straightforward business, relying only on the merit of his product and the integrity of his intentions for success. He believes in good honest work, at a fair living price, and upon this foundation he has built up a business that has few equals in this part of the State.

On March 28, 1872, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Josephine Williams, who was born at Phillipsburg, Montgomery county, Ohio. Her father located in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1848, but later moved to Darke county, where he died January 2, 1901, aged eighty-two years. The mother passed away August 2, 1881, aged fifty-six years, eleven months, nine days. Mr. Williams operated sawmills and was a merchant, tobacco dealer and farmer and was successful in his various operations. At one time he was mayor of Ansonia, served also as justice of the peace and was a notary public for about fifteen years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: James M., Marion, Rufus, Sarah Etta, Martha, Josephine, Clara, Lafayette, Elziah and two who died as children.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, as follows: Dell, who died at the age of one month; Russell, who is a traveling salesman for Townsend & Townsend, wholesale granite dealers of New York City, married Lucy McCabe, and makes his home in Ansonia; Capitola, who mar-

ried S. H. Mendenhall of Greenville, and has one son, Dwight; Maude, who became the wife of Ira Oliver and lives in Dayton; Roll Mann, a general merchant of Ansonia, who married Minnie Winterroud and has one daughter, Louise; Noble, in partnership with his father in the monument business, who married Hazel Trittschuh and has one son, Rodney Mann, and daughter Josephine, and Loyal, who married Ethel Clabaugh of Ada, Ohio, is a student at the Ohio Northern University at Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Christian church, where he is acting in the capacity of trustee. He has been prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Ansonia Lodge No. 605, and the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of both of which he served in the capacity of treasurer for several years, and he and Mrs. Miller belong to the Rebekahs. In politics a Republican, he has served as councilman for several years, and was a member of the school board for a long period, being treasurer of his district at the time the high school was built.

EDWARD HAMMEL.

Edward Hammel, active member of the firm of Arnett & Hammel, dealers in grain and flour, and operators of a grain elevator in Pittsburg, Ohio, is a self-made man and his success affords a striking example of what may be accomplished by energy and ambition. Probably no man in the vicinity is better known and his geniality and warm-heartedness are readily apparent, so that every one feels at home in his presence. He has taken a prominent part in the public life and affairs of the village for a number of years and has been honored by his fellow-townsmen by election to honorable public office. He was born on a farm near Brookville, Montgomery county, Ohio, July 18, 1876, and is a son of Samuel and Barbara (Minnich) Hammel, the father also born near Brookville about 1840. Samuel Hammel was always a farmer and spent a busy and honored existence near Brookville. He was a Republican in politics. His wife was born in the same neighborhood April 2, 1843, and died May 6, 1910, being buried in Pittsburg cemetery. She was a member of the Brethern church. Mr. Hammel died in April, 1884, and was buried

in the cemetery at Piermont, Ohio. They had two sons: Harvey, a painter, and Edward, whose name heads this sketch. Harvey lives with his brother in Pittsburg. The parents of Samuel Hammel came to Ohio in an early day and were among the honored pioneers who did so much for the early prosperity of the state.

Edward Hammel received his education in Pittsburg and at the age of fifteen years began to work in the employ of Edward McCue, proprietor at that time of a grain elevator there, across the street from Mr. Hammel's present quarters. By his ability and strict attention to business Mr. Hammel became a valued employee and thoroughly learned the business, so that when Mr. McCue sold out Mr. Hammel was able to purchase a half-interest in business with Mr. Abraham Arnett, father of his present partner, Tobias Arnett, whose sketch appears in this work, and who inherited his father's share. After the death of the senior Mr. Arnett the two younger men moved to their present quarters, which arrangement was made in 1905, buying the office and elevator building from Mr. McCue, who had erected them. They became the leading grain dealers in the community and have a very good business, purchasing much of the grain raised in their part of the county.

Mr. Hammel is a Republican in politics and from 1900 to 1910 served as township clerk of Monroe township; he served two terms as village councilman, and in 1913 was elected Mayor of Pittsburg, to serve two years. Since 1897 he has been agent at Pittsburg for the Big Four Railroad Company. At the present time he is clerk of the village Board of Education, and has filled all offices with ability and honor. He is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of Redmen, as well as the Junior Order. The last named is the only one of these organizations having a branch in Pittsburg, therefore, he has been unable to take a prominent part in the others, but he is past Counsellor of the Junior Order.

On October 20, 1900, Mr. Hammel was united in marriage with Pearl Katherine Limbert, daughter of Simon P. and Mary E. (Mote) Limbert, both born near Pittsburg. Mr. Limbert was a farmer in early life but has now retired from active life and he and his wife live in Pittsburg, both being about sixty-four or sixty-five years of age. He is a Republican in politics and served several terms as Assessor of Darke

county. He and his wife had five children, one of whom, Nelson H., died on February, 1913, and the others are: Willis, of Darke county; Lola, wife of L. G. McCluen, of Rockwood, Tennessee; Noah, of Columbus, Ohio, is unmarried and is in the employ of the Gwinn Milling Company; Mrs. Hammel. Mr. and Mrs. Hammel are parents of two lovely children: Carl Carlton, born December 14, 1904, a pupil in the public school, and little Mildred Katherine, born June 14, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammel attend the Methodist church of which she is a member. In youth he attended the Brethern church with his mother. Mrs. Hammel is treasurer of the Sunday school society and secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Hammel is accounted one of the most public-spirited men in his community and is much respected. He has been very successful in his business ventures and his accumulation of property and wealth are the result of his own unaided efforts, for he has cared for himself since he was a mere boy and has never been daunted by the prospect of hard work.

ROLL HELM HALDERMAN.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful agriculturists of Darke county is R. H. Halderman, whose splendid and well-kept farm is located in Greenville township, about four miles southwest of Greenville. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his locality, and for many years he has been numbered among its most valued and honored citizens.

R. H. Halderman was born on September 4, 1875, on the farm on which he now resides, and is the son of Jacob and Frances (Helm) Halderman, his mother having been a member of a sterling old Pennsylvania family. The subject is the youngest in a family of seven children, the others being Mrs. Lottie Bishop, Mrs. Alice McNeil, Herschel of Texas, Mrs. Bird Wagner, Mrs. Elnora Clapp and Mrs. Pearl Bishop. R. H. Halderman received his education in school No. 12, which was located on the home farm, completing his studies in the public schools of Greenville. He has spent his entire life on the home farm, in the work of which he early took an active part. At the age of twenty-one years he rented the place from

his father and after the latter's death, December 4, 1908, he bought the interests of the other heirs and is now the sole owner. The place comprises one hundred and eighty acres of as good land as the township affords and in the raising of general crops and the handling of live stock he has met with a very gratifying degree of success. He gives proper attention to the rotation of crops and other features of intelligent farming, while the buildings, fences, implements and other departments of the farm work are all carefully looked after, no phase of his business being neglected.

R. H. Halderman was married, on November 19, 1902, to Laura Henning, of Washington township, this county, and the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Schaffer) Henning. Her father, who was a prominent farmer in his community, is now deceased, being survived by his widow. To Mr. and Mrs. Halderman has been born a daughter, Helen, born May 23, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Halderman has always affiliated with the Democratic party and is at present rendering effective service as a member of the school board. Religiously, he and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian church, to which they contribute of their means. In all his methods, Mr. Halderman is progressive and enterprising, and he has succeeded in his endeavors, as a result of intelligent, well directed effort. He is held in the highest esteem in his locality, and he not only represents an honorable old family, but also personally stands for all that is best in the life of the community. Mr. Halderman's father was township trustee for many years.

JONAS DININGER.

The office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. In touching upon the life history of the subject of this sketch the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet he desires to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by perseverance, energy, broad charity and well defined purpose. To do

this will be but to reiterate the dictum pronounced upon the man by the people who have known him long and well.

Jonas Dininger, who is numbered among the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Greenville township, was born on September 1, 1854, on the old Jonas Dininger farm, about three miles from his present location, and therefore has been a lifelong resident of this locality. He is the son of Jonas and Mary E. (Holtry) Dininger, the former of whom was born near Germantown, Montgomery county, this State, moving to Darke county when about ten years old with his parents. The latter were Jacob and Sevan K. Dininger, the former of whom was a native of Germany, who, after coming to this country, first located at Germantown, where he made his permanent home. To Jonas and Mary Dininger were born two children, the subject of this sketch and George, who now lives in Greenville.

Jonas Dininger, to a review of whose life the following lines are devoted, spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and his education was secured in the Halderman district school. When about twenty-two years old he began farming operations on his own account, renting a tract of land from his grandfather Holtry, where he remained two years. He then returned to the home farm, devoting himself to its operation during the following six years, at the end of which time he located on his own present farm, on which he has resided continuously since. He has made many permanent and substantial improvements since locating here and the place is now considered one of the most productive and best improved farms in Greenville township. The farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty-two acres of land, lies on the Nashville road, about two miles west of Greenville, and is practically all in cultivation. Mr. Dininger raises all the crops common to this locality and also gives special attention to the breeding of pure bred live stock, which are now considered so important an adjunct to a successful farm. About four years ago Mr. Dininger erected a splendid modern and attractive residence, located a short distance from his former home, and has attractively and tastefully furnished and finished it.

Mr. Dininger was married, on October 14, 1875, to Irene Keister, and they are the parents of three children, Mrs. Cora Welker, Mrs. Edna Warner and Earle E. Dininger.

Politically, Mr. Dininger has always been an earnest advocate of the Democratic party and has taken a prominent

part in local public affairs, having served as a member of the school board and in other ways exhibiting a commendable interest in the prosperity and welfare of the community. Religiously, he is a member of St. Paul's Reformed church, in which he has been an elder for many years. He is recognized as a man of executive ability and enterprise and is numbered among the leading and representative citizens of his locality.

Erle E. Dininger was born on November 5, 1884, and received his elementary education in the Shady Glenn district school No. 11, and was graduated from Greenville high school. He then took a commercial course in Jacob's school, in Dayton, where he was graduated, following which he became a student in the agricultural course at Cornell University. Thus well equipped for life's battle, he returned home and took charge of his father's farm, and pure bred live stock, in the handling of which he has demonstrated not only the advantages of special training, but also the possession of those natural qualities which are absolutely essential to success in any line of effort. He has served as assessor of his township and is one of the active and influential young politicians of his community. On July 3, 1907, he was married to Amy Sollenbarger, and they have two children, Corliss Burdette and Lora Irene.

WILLIAM G. BISHOP.

Industry, perseverance, intelligence and good judgment combine to form the price of success in agricultural work in these modern days of farming, when the hard, unrelenting toil of former years has given way to scientific use of modern machinery and a knowledge of the proper treatment of the soil. Darke county has many skilled farmers, who treat their vocation more as a profession than as a mere occupation and take a justifiable amount of pride in their accomplishments. Among these may be mentioned W. C. Bishop of Greenville township, whose well-tilled property is located on the Fort Jefferson turnpike, about one mile from the city. Mr. Bishop is thoroughly versed in soil and climatic conditions in this section, as he has lived here all of his life, having been born on the farm he now occupies, in 1870, a son of T. L. and Cynthia (Dunham) Bishop.

Reared in a family of industry and thrift, Mr. Bishop early learned that hard work is the surest road to success, and that

he was expected to do his full share in contributing to the family income. He was instructed thoroughly in the thousand and one things necessary for the modern farmer to know, and as soon as he was large enough to grasp the plow handles began to be one of his father's best helpers. During the winter terms, he acquired his education in the district schools, but in the remainder of the year gave his service faithfully to his father, remaining under the parental roof until reaching maturity. When he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Bishop embarked upon a career of his own, first starting as a renter. Through hard and intelligent labor he was able to put by enough to purchase a few acres of land, and to this he has subsequently added from time to time, as his finances have permitted, until he is now the owner of one hundred and thirty-seven acres of some of the best land to be found in Darke county, and which includes the old homestead place. Mr. Bishop is progressive and enterprising, and the improvements on his land are of a modern and valuable nature. He believes in the use of the best machinery, directs his labors along modern scientific lines, and is able to make his land produce to its fullest extent for the work expended upon it. He has a comfortable home, and the buildings for the housing of his stock, grain and machinery are large and commodious. It is interesting to note that the majority of men in Darke county, especially among the farmers, are possessed of success because of the force of their own efforts, and Mr. Bishop is no exception to this rule. He is considered one of the best judges of stock in his part of the country, and his judgment is often sought on questions connected with agricultural interests.

Mr. Bishop was united in marriage October 24, 1895 with Miss Pearl Halderman, daughter of Jacob H. Halderman, a review of whose career will be found on another page of this work. Two children have blessed this union: Mildred, who is now fifteen years of age, and Robert W., six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and their children are consistent members of the Baptist church, where they have numerous friends. In political matters Mr. Bishop supports the candidates and principles of the Republican party, but has not been an office seeker himself, preferring the honest toil and peaceful life of the farm to any of the doubtful honors of the political arena. However, he is public spirited, and any good movement in his township immediately enlists his stanch and enthusiastic support.

CLIFFORD O. NISWONGER.

Clifford Niswonger, an honored and respected citizen of Pitsburg, is a leading merchant and successful business man. He is largely a self-made man, for his position is chiefly due to his ambition and enterprise, coupled with his business acumen and sterling qualities. He was born in Monroe township, Darke county, Ohio, December 21, 1887, and is one of the ten children born to David Warner and Elizabeth (Olewine) Niswonger. He has recently added the middle initial "O" to his name, which stands for the name of his mother's family, Olewine.

David Warner Niswonger, now retired from active life, was a carpenter by trade and now lives on a farm in Monroe township, not far from Pitsburg. He was born on the section where he now resides, January 6, 1843, son of John and Susannah (Warner) Niswonger, both of well-known Darke county families of pioneer times. John Niswonger was born on a farm near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, May 28, 1815, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Circle) Niswonger, both born, reared and also married in Rockingham county, Virginia, the former also son of a Virginian named John Niswonger and a farmer of Rockingham county, Virginia. The American progenitors of the family were three brothers who came from Germany, of whom one located in Canada, one in Maryland and one in Virginia. Susannah Warner was born on a farm near Union, Montgomery county, Ohio, June 2, 1815, daughter of David and Hester (Brumbaugh) Warner, who came from Pennsylvania to Montgomery county, Ohio. It is supposed that this family of Warners were descended from a passenger on the Mayflower.

In 1832 the John Niswonger who married Susannah Warner located in Darke county, having purchased 189 acres of land, part of it located in the same section as the one where his son, David W., now resides. This was located in thick woods and was secured from the Government. He erected a log house there and occupied it some forty years. Their first home was a story-and-a-half building of hewed logs, roughly built, with one room above and one below, but this was soon added to and remodeled, and finally replaced. The original house was finally removed to Pitsburg and David Warner Niswonger lived in it a number of years until it was finally

torn down and used for fuel. John Niswonger and wife became parents of five sons and seven daughters, all of whom reached maturity and married and eight of whom now survive. They are: Mary, who married Henry Swank, and all their descendants except two grandchildren, Mrs. Leibbie (Hullinger) Long and Miss Margaret Hullinger, have passed away; Catherine, who married Peter Layer, is deceased and her descendants are scattered in various parts of the county; George, a resident of Dawn, Darke county, married Keziah Bear; Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Layer, whose descendants reside in Darke county; David Warner; Hettie, wife of Harvey Mote, of Chicago, whose descendants are much scattered; Lydia, wife of Josiah Baker, of Pittsburg; Lucinda, wife of Mathias Corwin, of Arcanum; Harriet, wife of John Regan, of Brown county, Indiana; John, of Los Angeles, California, married Emma Giblin; Harvey married Mary Roser and lives in Arcanum; Nicholas, who married Mary Reed, died at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

In boyhood David Warner Niswonger helped on his father's farm and attended school three months in the year. In 1861 he was apprenticed to the trade of harness maker in Greenville, boarding with his employer, but did not receive any regular wages during this time. His employer often gave him a little spending money and treated him well. On July 16, 1861, while on his way to a point in Indiana, he enlisted in Company K Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, being the first man from Monroe township to offer his services, but being accredited to Indiana. From Indianapolis they were sent to Washington, arriving there a few days after the first battle of Bull Run. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, also at South Mountain and Antietam. At the latter battle he was shot through the left lung but got up and walked a quarter of a mile, then was taken to the hospital, and was sent to West Philadelphia. He remained six months in the hospital and was discharged for disability, April 8, 1863. In the next few months, spent at home, he fully recovered, and on January 30, 1864, enlisted in Company B, One Hundred Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to join the Army of the Potomac and participated in the Battle of the Wilderness, went on into the Shenandoah Valley and was taken prisoner and sent to Danville, whence he was sent to Libby Prison. After being a prisoner seven months and thirteen days he was exchanged and his honorable discharge took place June 2, 1865.

He resumed the harness trade and in 1867 started a shop in what is now known as Old Pittsburg.

On May 19, 1867, David Warner Niswonger was united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of David and Nancy (Graybill) Olewine. After four years spent in business Mr. Niswonger abandoned this line of work on account of his health and after spending six months working with and for a boss carpenter he began to take work on his own account. He lived at Old Pittsburg and followed the trade of carpenter until 1893. He and his wife had ten children, seven of whom reached maturity and now survive, namely: William, superintendent of an electric light plant at Bad Axe, Michigan, married Helen Williams; Hettie, married Charles Mote, of Monroe township, and has five children; Effie married James L. Gilbert, of Logansport, Indiana, and they have two children; Clifford O., of this sketch; Harry, of Dayton, works for the National Cash Register Company and married Helen Blose; John is unmarried; Roy is a clerk in his brother's store in Pittsburg. The father of these children is a Democrat in politics and has served thirteen terms altogether as township assessor, seven terms in succession, and for five years was township clerk. He was a member of the school board several terms and in 1890 was appointed to appraise the land in Monroe township. He was reared in the German Baptist faith, as was his wife, and she is a member of the church now. Her father, David Olewine, was a son of Anthony Olewine, who was born in Pennsylvania and after his marriage brought his family to Montgomery county, Ohio, when his son David was about fifteen years old. The latter received a good education and for many years was a teacher in Montgomery and Darke counties. In an early day he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Van Buren township, which he had to clear of timber.

The youngest child of David Warner Niswonger, Roy, was ready at the age of twelve years to pass the Boxwell examination, but was not allowed to do so, though he had an opportunity to take it four years later and passed. He wished to enter the high school at Arcanum but his parents would not allow him to do so until a year later. After he had attended a few months his parents went to Florida for a trip and took him along, receiving his later education through observation and the books he read by himself. Upon his return he worked for some time in Dayton for the N. C. R. Co. but a few years

since accepted a position in the store of his brother, Clifford, and has done well in this work. He is well known as a young man of good character.

Clifford O. Niswonger began his education in Monroe township schools, which he attended some years, and for one year he took a general business course at North Manchester (Indiana) University. He then took a position as clerk in Fetter's general store in Pittsburg, where he remained two and one-half years, then he and his brother-in-law, Harry Vance, bought the present store on Jefferson street, but for the past seven or eight years Mr. Niswonger has owned the entire store. He eventually bought the store building and the vacant property south of the store. He is interested in the general movements for the good of the community and state, and is accounted a useful and public-spirited citizen. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Bryan, although in local affairs he follows the principle of voting for the man he believes will best conserve the interests of the greatest number. He has held various village offices and for the past five years has been postmaster of Pittsburg. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge of Arcanum and the Scottish Rite at Dayton. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge, at Arcanum, and to the Junior American Order of Mechanics of Pittsburg. He is president First National Bank of Pittsburg, Ohio, having assisted in its organization, served a number of years as its vice-president, and for a number of years he has served as town treasurer. In 1910 he erected his present elegant residence on Jefferson street and he and his family are well known in social circles.

On December 24, 1901, Mr. Niswonger was united in marriage with Rose, daughter of J. Harvey and Mary (Schreel) Vance. Mr. Vance was born in Pymont township, Montgomery county, Ohio, October 30, 1844, and came to Darke county at an early age, located on a farm in Van Buren township and lived there many years. He has now retired from active life and resides in Greenville. He served one hundred days in the Union army during the Civil War. He is now a Prohibitionist in political views. He served some time as a member of the school board in Van Buren township. He and his wife joined the United Brethern church after coming to Darke county. She was born in Preble county May 4, 1846, and died April 22, 1908, being buried in Abbottsville cemetery. She had been a Lutheran before

coming to Darke county but she and her husband were active in church work for the United Brethren faith. They were well known in the community and highly respected by all. Of the four children now living: Harry married Annie Cline and they reside in Greenville; Daisy is the wife of James C. Martin, of Greenville; Mrs. Niswonger; Virgil, of Greenville, married Abbie Baker. Three children are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Niswonger are parents of three children, all born in Monroe township: Mary Elizabeth, October 21, 1902; Lois, April 7, 1904, and Clifford Roland, March 24, 1907. Mrs. Niswonger is a member of the Methodist church.

DAVID J. WISE.

It is always interesting to watch from the beginning the growth and development of a locality, to note the lines along which marked progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose leadership in the work of advancement and improvement have made possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration. David J. Wise, of this review, is one of those who have seen almost the entire growth of Union City, for forty years ago he cast his lot with the early settlers here. He has also been an important factor in its continued progress toward the vanguard of civilization, and his name is therefore indelibly engraved upon its history, and well deserves a place in a record of the representative men of Darke county.

Judge Wise was born in Greene county, Ohio, April 11, 1843, a son of Henry D. and Mary (Snedeker) Wise, natives of Ohio. Both parents were left orphan children, and were married in Greene county on the farm where David J. Wise was born. They had nine children, as follows: David J., Samuel P., who died during the Civil war; Rachel, deceased, single; James M., deceased; Albert O., deceased; Charles Ellen, deceased; Mary Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of James Thompson, and a pair of twins, Abraham and Isaac, who died in infancy. The father was reared a farmer, but subsequently learned the trade of cooper, which he followed during the greater portion of his life. When he was about seventy years of age he retired and his last days were spent in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, where he died in July, 1911, at the age of

ninety years, six months. The mother passed away in Darke county, in 1881, aged sixty years. They were members of the German Reformed church. The father served as a soldier during the Civil war, being a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, for fourteen months, and from the close of the struggle until his death he continued a resident of Darke county.

David J. Wise was reared in Greene county, O., where he first learned farm work and later the cooper's trade, the latter of which he has followed during the greater part of his active career. He attended the district schools, and at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, in 1861, in Company D, Forty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, continuing as a soldier until the close of the war in 1865. He participated in numerous engagements, including the siege of Knoxville, and ever proved himself a brave and valiant soldier. When the war had closed and he received his honorable discharge, he returned to his home, from whence he went a short time later to Sullivan, Ind. That city was his home for five years, during which time he worked at his trade, and in 1874 he returned to Darke county and settled in Union City, where he has resided to the present time. In all business matters Judge Wise is discriminating, sagacious and diligent, and his careful management and industry have unlocked for him the portals of success and brought out some of its rich treasures.

On May 9, 1867, Mr. Wise was married to Miss Sarah A. Isenbarger, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ditmore) Isenbarger. Seven children were born to this union: Laura J., Mary Ellen, Harry Danner, Cora Elizabeth, Telitha Pearl, Earl Waldo and Edith Madge. Of these, Laura J. is deceased. She was the wife of Charles Eagy and they had one son, who died in infancy. Mrs. Eagy was an accomplished musician. Mary Ellen died at the age of ten months and ten days. Harry Danner is a substitute mail carrier and resides at home with his parents. Cora Elizabeth married George Sharp and they had three children—Rhea Maude, Claude and Gaynell. For her second husband she married Thomas Shumaker, and they live in Dayton, and have two children, Robert Earl and Charles Wayne. Telitha Pearl married William Briney, and they reside in Union City, Ind. Earl Waldo, who is in the meat business at Winchester, Ind., married Olive Longenecker, and they have two sons, Lloyd Eugene and David Edwin. Madge mar-

ried Cleve Vincent Pitinger and they reside in Jackson township and have one child, Ralph Vincent.

Judge Wise is independent in his political views. His first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and since that time he has affiliated with both Republican and Democratic parties. He served one term as township clerk, was for two years corporation clerk, was mayor of Union City one term, and for the past eight years has acted in the capacity of justice of the peace. In his various official capacities he has shown himself conscientious and painstaking and possessed of high ideals of public service.

Mrs. Wise was born near Georgetown, Miami county, Ohio, October 23, 1844, and was about seventeen years of age when her parents moved to Darke county, settling at Coletown. Later they moved to Mississinnawa township, where the father passed away in 1886, at the age of sixty-six years and the mother in 1889, when sixty-three years of age. They were the parents of seven sons and five daughters: Sarah A., Simon P., David, Wesley, Mary Jane, Amanda, William, Perry, Sinora, Oradine, and two who died in infancy. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Wise was John Isenbarger, and he and his wife Mary were the parents of ten children: John, Jacob, Joseph, William, Daniel, Peter, Polly, Esther, Betsy and Sallie. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Wise was Jacob Ditmore, who married Katie Brenner, and had twelve children: George, Henry, Daniel, Jacob, Aaron, Samuel, Polly, Elizabeth, Sallie, Barbara and two who died young.

LEWIS DININGER.

The agricultural interests of Darke county are in charge of efficient, capable men who have given to their labor that application of scientific effort that is bound to bring the best results. Years of observance of the best methods have brought the occupation of farming forward until it is nearly on a level with the professions, and the constant improvement of farming machinery has made the harvesting of banner crops a practical surety. One of the progressive farmers of Darke county is Lewis Dininger, who has passed his entire life in tilling the soil in Greenville township, and is now the owner of 100 acres of land on the Palestine road, about four miles

from Greenville, to the west. He was born in a log house on this farm, which then belonged to his father, March 30, 1840, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Swank) Dininger.

The Dininger family originated in Germany, where its members were principally engaged in agricultural lines, but the grandfather decided to try his fortunes in the United States, and left the Fatherland for this country in a sailing vessel. While on the ocean he contracted an illness, and died and was buried at sea. After their arrival in America, the family became scattered, three daughters remaining in Baltimore, and three sons and one daughter making their way to Germantown, Ohio. Jacob Dininger was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country, and was still a youth when he came with his sister and brothers to Ohio. In 1837 he located in Greenville township, buying 240 acres in the timber, which he proceeded to develop, and on which he passed the remainder of his life, succeeding in removing the timber from the greater part of the property. He was married at Germantown to Margaret Swank, and to this union there were born nine children: John, Jonas, Mrs. Dorothy Helmer, Mrs. Maria Stevens and Michael, all of whom are deceased; Jacob, Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Beichler and Christian, who is deceased.

Lewis Dininger received ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Greenville township, and was brought up to farming and reared to habits of honesty and industry. He early became his father's assistant, and some of the best land which he now owns is property that he himself cleared from the timber. He remained at home until reaching the age of twenty-five years, at which time he took up a tract of eighty acres for himself, and to this he has since added one hundred acres. One of his community's old and honored citizens, Mr. Dininger well merits the respect and esteem in which he is held, for his life record has been that of an upright and honorable man whose operations and activities have been carried on in a strictly legitimate and straightforward manner.

On February 8, 1866, Mr. Dininger was married to Miss Elizabeth Kerst, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Moyer) Kerst. The father of Mrs. Dininger came to Germantown, Ohio, with four brothers, from Berks county, Pennsylvania, and subsequently moved to Darke county. He spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits in German township, and was widely known and highly esteemed. He and his

wife were the parents of seven children: Morgan, and Mrs. Sarah Clapp, residents of Greenville township; Elizabeth, who married Lewis Dininger; Angeline, who married Mr. Nogle, and is now deceased; Evan, a resident of German township; Mrs. Candy Craig and Mrs. Hattie Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Dininger have had eight children, as follows: Stella, who married J. C. Trump and has two children, Herbert and Charles; Anna and Charles, who are both deceased; Elizabeth, who married Charles Henning and has two children, Thuron and Willard; Harley, who married Edith Johnson, and has two children, Donald and Elizabeth; Bessie, who married Albert Suter, and has two children, Ruth and John R.; Carl, who married Ethel Shaw, and has had four children, Louise, Joseph, Martin and Richard, the last two being deceased, and Otto, who is single, and makes his home with his parents, being his father's assistant on the homestead farm. The members of the family are consistent attendants of the Lutheran church, in the work of which all have been prominent. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Dininger has not sought public office, but has discharged the duties of citizenship in the capacity of school director of Greenville township.

H. G. RARICK.

Although H. G. Rarick is numbered among the more recent acquisitions to the agriculturists who are representing Darke county's farming interests, H. G. Rarick has already won recognition as a progressive, alert and energetic citizen, whose knowledge of modern methods make him a decidedly desirable addition to those who are striving earnestly to further this section's standard in the tilling of the soil. Like many other successful agriculturists in this locality, he spent some time in another line of endeavor, but ultimately decided that the vocation of farmer was best suited to his abilities and inclinations, and that in it he could meet with the largest measure of success. His subsequent success has vindicated this belief, for his standing today is high among the younger generation of husbandmen in Greenville township. Mr. Rarick was born December 12, 1880, on the farm which he now occupies, just off the Winchester turnpike, about one mile west of Greenville. He is a son of Dr. Charles W. and Ella J. (Griffin) Rarick, whose sketch appears in this work.

H. G. Rarick enjoyed liberal educational advantages, attending first the public and high schools of Greenville, and later Jacob's College, Dayton, Ohio. Upon graduating from the latter institution, he secured a position with a Dayton financial concern, and for seven years was connected therewith. It was at the end of that period that he decided to give his attention to agricultural work, and this he has followed with a full measure of success ever since. At this time he is the owner of fifty-three and one-third acres, part of the old homestead farm of one hundred and six acres, upon which he has made numerous modern improvements. He has brought to his work an enthusiasm and ambition that has brought gratifying results, and is eminently worthy of representing the old and honored name which he bears.

Mr. Rarick was married to Miss Bertha Baldwin, also a member of a widely-known family, and daughter of E. C. and Henrietta Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Rarick are consistent members of the Baptist church, where they have numerous friends. His political views make him a stanch Republican.

JOHN Q. LANDIS.

The career of John Q. Landis, one of Darke county's substantial stock dealers, furnishes a striking example of the rewards to be gained through perseverance and industry. His rise to success has been no light task, for he has been forced to overcome obstacles and to recover from misfortunes which would have discouraged a less courageous spirit, but he has kept steadfastly striving toward his goal, and has finally reached a position of independence where he may point with a pardonable degree of pride to what he has accomplished. At this time he is the owner of a handsome property on the Fort Jefferson turnpike, about one mile southwest of Greenville, and in this locality is widely and favorably known in business circles. Mr. Landis was born July 2, 1864, on a farm two miles east of Fort Jefferson, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Stutsman) Landis.

John Landis was born on a farm near Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio, and was a boy when he accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Landis, in 1828, in their migration to Darke county, the family driving through in true pioneer style.

Here he was educated in the common schools and grew up to agricultural pursuits, giving his father the benefit of his assistance until embarking upon a career of his own, in young manhood. He became successful in his operations, and at the time of his death was justly accounted one of the substantial men of his community. Mr. Landis married Miss Elizabeth Stutsman, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: David, Andrew, who lives in Greenville; Lydia, a resident of Canada; Abraham, Mary, a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Jacob, Mrs. Frances Price, and John Q.

John Q. Landis received ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Neave township, and in the meantime pursued his studies in the evenings. He assisted his father in the work of the home place throughout his school period, and continued to live with his parents until the close of their lives, at which time the old home farm was purchased by his sister Lydia. The land was later sold out of the family, but John Q. bought sixty acres thereof and embarked upon his career as a tobacco grower. The first crop was almost a complete failure, and Mr. Landis disposed of his interests and went to Alberta, where he received his introduction to the livestock business as a buyer. On his return he again engaged in farming, but for three years had little success, although this he did not allow to discourage him, but kept steadily persevering. Finally, he purchased the old McCabe farm, at Weaver's Station, and from that time to the present his success has been assured. He gradually drifted more and more into dealing in stock, and to this line of endeavor he now devotes almost his entire attention. Lately he sold all of his Darke county land and invested in Canadian land, being at this time the owner of two thousand acres in the vicinity of Medicine Hat, Indian Head and Swift Current. His life shows that industry and persistence will eventually bring success, and that neither financial aid, adventitious circumstances nor the assistance of influential friends are necessary to the man of self-reliance and indomitable spirit. Among his associates Mr. Landis is held in the greatest confidence, his integrity and honesty being unquestioned. He takes an active interest in political matters, but only as an influence, as he has never found time to enter the arena as a candidate for public preference. Although a member of no especial religious creed, he has at all times displayed a commendable willingness to aid church and charitable movements.

On October 30, 1898, Mr. Landis was married to Miss Lily M. Townsend, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Bierley) Townsend, and to this union there has been born one child, Bierley.

Mr. Landis was a candidate in 1898 for county treasurer in a strong Democratic field, and came within one hundred and thirty votes of being elected, and was no doubt elected, but counted out. For years up to that time no Republican had been elected.

ANDREW J. WARNER.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has made a success of life and won the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such is the record of the well-known farmer whose name heads this sketch, than whom a more whole souled or popular man it would be difficult to find in the locality where he has his home.

A. J. Warner, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on his fine farm of one hundred and ten acres in Greenville township, was born on August 4, 1874, in German township, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of William H. and Sarah (Flory) Warner, both of whom are now deceased. William H. Warner was born in Montgomery county, this State, and came to Darke county in boyhood, the family settling in German township. His parents were Henry and Lottie (Williamson) Warner, both of whom have passed away, and he was one of their two children, the other being a brother, Horatio S.

The subject of this sketch remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and secured a good practical education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. On starting out in life on his own account he occupied one hundred and ten acres, which was his share of two hundred and twenty acres of which he was one of the heirs, to the cultivation of which he has devoted himself continuously since. His place, which is most eligibly located on the Jeffries road, about four and a half miles southwest of Greenville, is well improved, and in its operation Mr. Warner gives proper attention to the maintenance of the fertility of the soil, carrying on his operations according to the most advanced methods, the result being a return in bountiful crops and corresponding profits. In addition to soil cultivation, Mr.

Warner has gained an enviable reputation as a successful breeder and raiser of live stock, which he has handled in large numbers and which he has shipped to distant parts of the country. He handles none but high-grade animals and his sound business methods and integrity of action have won for him not only a large patronage, but the confidence and respect of all with whom he has had dealings.

On October 24, 1895, Mr. Warner was married to Edna E. Dininger, the daughter of Jonas and Irene (Keister) Dininger. Mr. Dininger, who is one of the prominent and successful farmers and stock raisers of this locality, is a native of this part of the country and is the son of Jonas and Mary (Holtrey) Dininger. To him and his wife were born three children, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Cora Welker, and Earl, who is engaged in farming in Greenville township. Mr. and Mrs. Warner are the parents of three children, Paul C., Doyle D. and Freeman D.

Politically, Mr. Warner is a staunch Democrat, but has never entertained any ambition for public office. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed church, in the various activities of which he is keenly interested. In all affairs affecting the welfare of the community he is found to be a warm supporter and he enjoys a well deserved popularity in the circles in which he moves.

D. VOLNEY BRYSON.

The farming element is very strong in Greenville township, for this is essentially one of the principal agricultural centers of Darke county, both soil and climate being extremely favorable for general farming and stock raising. With the farming interests of this township, D. Volney Bryson has been identified since reaching man's estate, and at this time he is the owner of one hundred and fifty-eight and one-half acres of land on the old Palestine turnpike, about three miles southwest from Greenville. Mr. Bryson has spent his entire career in this locality, having been born on the old Bryson homestead place, located northwest of Greenville, in Darke county, Ohio, March 3, 1861, and is a son of Morris and Mary Ann (Cole) Bryson.

The progenitor of the Bryson family in Ohio was James Bryson, who came from the east, and settled in Darke county.

at an early day among the pioneers. He was long connected with agricultural activities here, and was at all times known as an industrious and public-spirited citizen, worthy of the high regard in which he was universally held. He married a Miss Creviston, and among their children was Morris Bryson, the father of our subject. He was born in 1818 on the farm on which D. Volney Bryson now resides, was educated in this vicinity and for some years was engaged in teaching the district schools of Darke county. Subsequently, however, he returned to the soil, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death. Like his father he was a hard working man, reared his children to lives of industry and thrift, and died respected by all with whom he came into contact. He married Mary Ann Cole and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: James, Rachael, Joseph, Newton, Clarissa, D. Volney and David.

D. Volney Bryson received his education in the common school at Rush Station, and, as was customary, worked with his father on the home place when not engaged at his studies. He accepted farming as his field of endeavor when still a youth, and when he reached his majority, embarked upon a career of his own as a renter. He has continued to follow farming to the present time with marked success, and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-eight and one-half acres, all under a high state of cultivation. The large, old-fashioned home on this property, as well as the commodious barn, are landmarks in this locality, both being nearly one hundred years old. Modern improvements of a substantial nature have been made by Mr. Bryson, and his machinery is of the latest design and manufacture. He has directed his efforts so intelligently, and with such a wide range of knowledge of his chosen vocation, that he has been able to make his land produce fully for all labor expended upon it. An acknowledged authority on agricultural matters, he is frequently consulted as to matters pertaining thereto, and has ever been ready to assist others in overcoming the obstacles that arise to confront those who till the soil.

In 1885 Mr. Bryson was married to Miss Mollie Vail, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Katey) Vail. Mr. Vail, who came to Darke county from Butler county, Ohio, became one of the leading farmers and substantial farm owners of this township. To Mr. and Mrs. Bryson there have been four children born, as follows: Chloe, who married John I. White; Elmer, Belle,

who married Elsey Michael and Olive, at home. With his family, Mr. Bryson attends the Christian church, which he has ever been ready to support liberally. His political faith is that of the Democratic party. Although he has sought no public preferment, Mr. Bryson is known as a good and public-spirited citizen who favors progress and is willing to co-operate with others in advancing the interests of his community.

AARON METZGER.

Among the substantial, industrious farmers of Monroe township, Darke county, Aaron Metzger deserves prominent place. He and his wife have an interesting family of children, to whom they are giving all possible advantages and whom they intend to rear to be useful citizens. Mr. Metzger was born in Wabash county, Indiana, January 4, 1867, and is a son of Solomon and Barbara (Brumbaugh) Metzger. Solomon Metzger belonged to an old Ohio family, was born in Montgomery county, west of Dayton, in 1829, and died in 1904. He was buried in Wabash county, Indiana, where he carried on farming for a large part of his life, having located there among the pioneers. He and his wife had twelve children: Sarah and David, residing in Indiana; Jacob, of Montana; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Blickenstaff, of Indiana; Mary, who died at the age of twenty years; John and Daniel, also deceased; Barbara, wife of Wilfred Cook, of Indiana; Joseph, also of Indiana; Aaron, of this sketch; Benjamin, of Darke county; Lydia, wife of David Garber, of Montgomery county, Ohio. The mother of these children was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, and died several years before her husband.

As a boy Aaron Metzger helped with the work on his father's farm in Indiana and attended the country schools, remaining at home until his marriage, December 13, 1891, to Frances, daughter of Martin and Susan (Flory) Miller, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1873. After marriage they settled down on a farm in Montgomery county and six years later removed to a farm in Monroe township, which was the family home until their removal to their present place, in the spring of 1914. Mr. Metzger carries on general farming and stock-raising with a very fair degree of profit and is accounted one of the more able farmers of the community. He is

energetic and a fine manager so that his farm shows the results of intelligent operation. While living at Pittsburg he owned an implement store and took an active part in local affairs. He is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He has been school director and has also served as a member of the council in Pittsburg. His wife is a member of the Dunkard church. Her father, Martin Miller, was born in Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and died in Darke county, Ohio, August 3, 1909. His father was John Miller, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and his mother was Sarah (Beeghley) Miller, died some twenty years ago. Six children were born to John A. Miller and his wife: Samuel J., of Pennsylvania; Daniel J., of Ohio; Mary, wife of Jonathan Moore, of Toledo, Iowa; Martin J., deceased, was a resident of Darke county; Abraham J., of Darke county, Ohio; and Susannah, deceased. Martin Miller and wife had seven children, all born in Montgomery county, Ohio, namely: Josiah, of Texas; Annie, wife of Isaac Metzger, of Indiana; Susie, deceased wife of Valentine Yost, of Montgomery county; Lizzie, wife of Benjamin Metzger, of Monroe township; Mrs. Frances Metzger, wife of Aaron Metzger, and two who died in infancy.

Six children have blessed the home of Aaron Metzger and wife, namely: Edna, born in Montgomery county, January 13, 1895; Roy, born in Montgomery county, August 11, 1898; Earl, born in Darke county, May 9, 1900; Mildred, born in Darke county, January 13, 1903; Paul, born August 9, 1907, and Helen Frances, born April 20, 1914, also in Darke county.

JOHN A McEOWEN.

It is gratifying to the biographer to find a subject like John A. McEowen, for in his career is given the successful attempts of a man who entered upon his life work without any particular training, or inherited riches, and yet through native ability and earnest perseverance gained the goal he had in view from the beginning. His work has been directed along agricultural lines. He has not tried to accomplish the impossible, but in doing his duty each day, has become the owner of a large acreage and established himself in the confidence of the people with whom he is constantly associated. Mr. Mc-

Eowen is conveniently located on the West Milton turnpike and also owns a fine property on the Jaysville road, both farms being in Greenville township.

John A. McEowen was born in Darke county, January 10, 1855, a son of Henry H. and Melissa (Millett) McEowen. Henry H. McEowen was born in Warren county, Ohio, but came to Darke county in young manhood. A mechanic by trade, he was profitably working at his trade when he responded to the call of his country and enlisted for service during the Civil war in the Forty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry and re-enlisted in the Eighth Ohio cavalry. After a faithful service, Henry H. McEowen received his honorable discharge and returned home to engage in farming within the confines of Allen township, Darke county. A man of more than ordinary intelligence, although his educational opportunities were confined to the country schools of Warren county, he developed into one of the prominent men of Darke county, and his influence was felt during his day.

Owing to his father's superior attainments, John A. McEowen was given better advantages than many of his associates, for he not only was sent to the local rural schools, but those of Greenville. While he was attending school, he was taught to make himself useful on the farm and in this way gained a knowledge of the work which he was to follow all his life. When he was twenty-three years old, he began farming for himself, for the first three years thereafter conducting his uncle's property. Recognizing the worth and possibilities of this land, he purchased another farm of one hundred and two acres on the Jaysville road, joining his other farm, making three hundred and eighty-four acres in all, at the expiration of the three years, and has since devoted it to general farming and stock raising. His homestead comprises two hundred and twenty-five acres, while his other farm contains one hundred and thirty-five acres, and all of the land is very fertile, while the improvements are strictly modern, carrying out the latest ideas with regard to sanitation and conveniences calculated to assist in the work.

John A. McEowen married Angeline Emrick, a daughter of Henry Emrick, who came to Darke county from Preble county. Mr. and Mrs. McEowen have had two sons: Hugh E., who married Edna Palmer, has two children, John and Mary; and Orville, who married Ada Hunt, has one child, Roy. Fraternally, Mr. McEowen is a Mason and finds pleas-

ure in his connections in this direction. While not a member of any religious denomination, he is in sympathy with the work of all churches, and gives them material assistance. Not only is he serving on the public school board, but for the last twelve years he has been acting as a director of the Children's Home, and is a man of public spirit, who discharges his responsibilities ably and conscientiously.

RILEY DININGER.

Riley Dininger is connected with the development of the resource that nature has provided in Darke county, being well known as a representative of the agricultural interests of Greenville township. Although still a young man, he has made a decided success of his operations, and at this writing is meeting with satisfactory results in the cultivation of one hundred and thirty-five acres of fine land, located on the new Palestine turnpike, about five miles southwest of Greenville. He has resided in the community which is now his home throughout his life, having been born on this present farm, December 12, 1888, the oldest son of George and Sophia (Smith) Dininger.

The Dininger family needs no introduction to the people of Darke county, for it has been represented here for many years and its members have always been people of industrious and honorable habits. George Dininger received an ordinary school education, and from boyhood followed the vocation of farming. He was a hard-working and intelligent agriculturist throughout his active period, and although now living retired still takes a keen interest in the affairs of his township. He and his wife were the parents of three children, namely: Riley, Glenn and Mary, who live with their parents.

The boyhood of Riley Dininger was passed much the same as that of other farmers' sons of his day and locality. During the winter months he secured his educational training in the Halderman school, while the remainder of the year was spent in assisting his father to till the soil and make the home farm productive. At the time of his father's retirement, he succeeded to the management of the homestead, which he has continued to conduct in an able and conscientious manner. Benefitting by the teachings of his father's wide experience,

Mr. Dininger has been able to succeed where many others would have failed. He endeavors to keep fully abreast of the various advancements in his chosen field of endeavor and to take advantage of new discoveries and inventions. His machinery is of the latest manufacture and he is at all times ready to give a trial to innovations which his judgment deems practicable. In addition to general farming he has experimented in stockraising, and has found this an excellent means of adding to his income.

On December 6, 1911, Mr. Dininger was united in marriage with Miss Hazel Ross, daughter of David and Phoebe (Wilson) Ross, farming people of Darke county, where they own a large tract of land.

STEPHEN RHOADES.

The time has long passed when an agriculturalist was regarded as merely a toiler of the rural regions; a tiller of the soil and a man who laborered simply to provide food and shelter for himself and his family. With the awakening of the country to the importance of the farmer and the dignity of his work has come a realization of what he is accomplishing each day in the development of his community and the consequent advancement of the agricultural supremacy of his section. There are a number of intelligent, progressive men of Darke county who have been content to confine their activities to developing their properties, for they realize what the fertile land in this locality can be made to produce, and among them one who is daily working out practical ideas to his own and his community's benefit, is Stephen Rhoades of Greenville township. He was born November 29, 1865, upon the same property that is now his home, that at the time of his birth was in the possession of his father, Abraham Rhoades.

Abraham Rhoades was one of the early settlers of Greenville township, selecting for his homestead one hundred acres of land on the old Palestine turnpike road, about two miles southwest of Greenville. He married Mary Pitsenberger and reared a family. Stephen Rhoades grew up amid conditions that were similar to those surrounding any farmer lad of his time and locality, and while attending school held in the old schoolhouse in district No. 13, he assisted his father on the

farm in spare moments and during vacations, so that he was thoroughly grounded in this kind of work from childhood. A portion of the labor of clearing the timbered part of the farm fell to his share and he can point with pride to fertile fields which his own hands have redeemed from the forest. When he was twenty-two years old he rented the farm from his father, and after the death of the latter made some improvements in order to bring his property up to his ideas of modern convenience and sanitary regulations.

On January 29, 1895, Stephen Rhoades was united in marriage with Clara Stephens, a daughter of John and Matilda (Resser) Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades have become the parents of children as follows: George H., Ray, Morris H., Mary M. and Charles F. The Lutheran church finds in Mr. Rhoades a consistent member and liberal contributor, and he never fails to take an active and helpful interest in the good work carried on by that congregation. Being a man who takes an intelligent interest in current events, Mr. Rhoades casts his vote and gives his support to the candidates of the Republican party, as he believes that organization the one best calculated to carry the country to prosperous ends. A recognition of his interest in local affairs was shown by his election as a member of the school board to represent his district, and in that office, as in the life of his community, he is proving himself a man in whom full and implicit trust can be placed. Further comment is unnecessary.

FRANKLIN SYLVESTER KARR.

Franklin Sylvester Karr, whose home is on east half of southwest quarter of section 25, Monroe township, belongs to one of the oldest families in his part of the county and is highly respected as a substantial and representative citizen. He was born in the pleasant home where he now resides, June 23, 1864, son of John and Mary (Gordon) Karr. His paternal grandparents, James and Elizabeth Karr, removed from New Jersey to Ohio, in 1835, locating on a farm in Preble county, where the city of Baltimore now stands. The parents of Mary Gordon, Philip and Elizabeth Gordon were also from New Jersey, whence they came to Monroe township, Darke county, in 1839, locating near the present farm of their grandson, Franklin S. Karr, and

near the village of Gordon, which was named in honor of Philip Gordon. For some forty years Mr. Gordon was the "squire" of Monroe township, and during this time probably performed more marriage ceremonies than any one else who ever held a similar office there. He also laid out the highway which became known as the Gordon and West Milton Road. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Gordon on land which was a part of his farm when he came to Darke county, before 1840, and which was later donated for cemetery purposes by his son-in-law, David Lair. They were held in high esteem as a family and were respected for their upright, useful lives. Such men have paved the way for a higher idea of life in their descendants and are worthy the reverence with which their names are held in memory.

James Karr, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was an expert farmer and became well acquainted with section and township lines in his and surrounding counties, as well as with the value of the land in that region, and thus became a valuable guide to newcomers from other states who were looking for suitable sites for their pioneer homes. He was always ready to give such men the benefit of his advice and experience and was highly regarded for his good judgment and his kind and courteous treatment of his fellows. He was fair in all his dealings and interested in the development of the country where he had located. He was buried in Tillman cemetery, Harrison township, Preble county. His wife died some years later, while visiting her daughter and was buried near Niles, Michigan.

John Karr was born in New Jersey, May 25, 1815, and died January 15, 1872, and his wife, who was born January 25, 1819, died November 17, 1892. Both are buried in the cemetery at Gordon. She was a member of the Baptist church of the old school beliefs. John Karr and wife had six children, all born in the same house where Franklin S. Karr resides, which was the home place of James Karr in 1835. The latter gave enough of his land to his son, John, on which to build himself a house but which had to be cleared by the young man. Their children were: Elizabeth Ann, married A. A. McElwaine and both are deceased, she having passed away February 1, 1875, and is buried beside her parents; Zephaniah Selby, born September 5, 1844, died May 11, 1872; Rachel Jane, who was born September 2, 1852, died the same day as her sister Elizabeth, February 1, 1875; John Iser, born March

31, 1858, died October 22, 1860; Sarah Emma, born March 16, 1860, died April 13, 1878; Franklin Sylvester, the youngest child, whose name heads this sketch.

Franklin S. Karr received his education in the schools of his home district and after the death of his father (which occurred when the boy was eight years old) remained with his mother until he took himself a wife. He was united in marriage, March 25, 1883, with Miss Sarah E. Nickle, who was born in Twin township, Darke county, May 16, 1863, daughter of John and Catherine (Dancer) Nickle. Mr. Nickle was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 4, 1820. In May, 1852, he started for America, making the voyage in a sailing vessel, which took months to cross; landed in New York in August. He lived for a short time in Hamilton, Ohio, and there married Miss Catherine Dancer, also a native of Wurtemberg, born in 1822. He died June 15, 1899, and his wife November 6, 1898, both being buried in Twin township cemetery. He moved from Hamilton county to Darke county, in 1853, and first built a small house on a half-acre of land in Twin township. He later purchased twenty acres of land in Monroe township, to which he added from time to time, and built another house as his fortunes improved. Three of the children were born in Twin township and one son in Monroe township, namely: Amelia, born January 17, 1855, wife of David Sutterbeck of Twin township; Mary Ann, born August 13, 1859, wife of David Idle, residing near Gordon; Mrs. Karr; John Henry, born November 1, 1866, died at the age of nine years.

After marriage Franklin S. Karr engaged actively in farming on his own account. He now owns eighty acres of choice land in one of the most fertile parts of the county and has added many conveniences to the house, being the owner of the home, which was his birthplace and which was owned successively by his grandfather and father before him. He came into part of his land by inheritance and purchased the remainder from his sister. He has become well known in the county for the high grade and pure bred Jerseys which he raises and they always have a fine flock of high-grade white leghorn fowls. The home shows the signs of culture and the family are fond of reading and intend to keep up with the events and issues of the day. Mrs. Karr has a fine sense of the meaning of a typical American home, of the best sort, and an appreciation of the things that develop the

best in family life. Mr. and Mrs. Karr belong to the old-school Predestinarian Baptist church at Gordon. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He was township assessor in 1889 and 1890 and has served several times on the township school board, having been on the board of education when the school-house was erected in Pittsburg. The family are very well known, being among the oldest residents of the region, and they count their friends by the score.

Nine children have blessed this home: Ibbie Jane, born January 29, 1884, on February 13, 1902, married Charles Baker, of Monroe township, and they have three children, Cora Hazel, Delbert and Orlan Otho; Charles Curtis, born May 29, 1885, lives on a farm adjoining that of his father, married Miss Hazel Corwin, October 9, 1909, and they have two children Corwin LeRoy and Susie Evelyn; Emma Hazel, born December 18, 1886, on January 1, 1912, married Edward Mattis, of Monroe township; Cora Ann, born July 21, 1888, on October 16, 1912, married Harry B. Falknor, of Monroe township, and they have one child, Richard Karr; Ija Gordon, born March 25, 1890, at home; Maude Belle, born June 6, 1892, on August 9, 1913, married Ralph Aubrey Hart, a teacher in Darke county, and they reside in Monroe township; Ellie May, born February 27, 1894, and John Russell, born April 4, 1896, both at home; Edith Marie, born September 24, 1898, in 1914 graduated from the district school near home and is at home with her parents.

HON. CHRISTIAN APPENZELLER.

It is possible for an inefficient man to secure office through various accidents incident to political life, but it is very seldom that he is returned to that same office by the people whose interests he has been representing. It is therefore considered that re-election to an office puts the stamp of approval upon the man and his administration. In these days of incessant activity when so many divergent questions come up for careful and thoughtful consideration on the part of the men in office, it is very necessary that those who make the laws be men of progressive ideas and intelligent capability. The Hon. Christian Appenzeller, of Greenville, is one of the legislators

of Ohio whose efforts have been centered upon accomplishing important things and furthering wise measures. His business is that of contracting for pike and street paving, although within recent years he has been an agriculturalist of note in the county, and is still the owner of some very valuable farming property in Greenville township. Mr. Appenzeller was born in Montgomery county, O., March 6, 1861, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Clemmons) Appenzeller. The father was born at Baden, Germany, but when twenty years old, he left his native land for the United States. A miller by trade, he sought work at Cleveland, and later at Cincinnati, but finding no opening in either of those cities, he went to Germantown. As he was still unable to get work as a miller, he learned basket making, and going to Butler county, built up a good trade. Still later he located at Seven Mile, where he bought property. This he later sold, and removed to Dayton, from whence he went to Greenville. Finding conditions in this latter city to his liking, he bought property, but after the demise of his wife he gave up his own residence to live with his namesake son.

Christian Appenzeller, the younger, attended the common schools of Dayton, and assisted his father in making baskets. By the time he was nineteen years of age he was proficient enough to go into business with his father, and they added the handling of the willow for basket weaving, to their stock. Later he began farming and found in that work congenial employment until he became a paving contractor. At present he owns twenty-five and one-half acres on the edge of Greenville, and an eighty-acre farm three miles west of the city on West Branch creek.

The political career of Mr. Appenzeller began with his election to the office of township trustee of Greenville township, to which he was re-elected, but resigned. In 1892 he was elected county commissioner and served for over six years, in addition to an unexpired term to which he was appointed to fill a vacancy. Having by this time proved his ability and strength, he was further honored by election to the lower house of the State Assembly, and while in that office he was on some important committees—was chairman of committee of county fairs, was on committee of privilege and election, and was on the committee on waterways. While he has already accomplished much, he is not yet through, for his constituents have not permitted him to retire to private life.

Men of his calibre are needed in Darke county, and he will doubtless be called upon frequently in the future to give his people what he has in the past, an honorable and efficient service.

On August 22, 1880, Christian Appenzeller was married to Matilda Rhoades, whose parents were farming people of Darke county. Mr. and Mrs. Appenzeller have had four children: Mary C., who married Earl C. Reinheimer, and has two children, Christian, Jr., and Elizabeth; Grace, who married William Micksell and has one son, Byron; Pearl, who married Clyde Moore and has a son, John; and Jessie. Mr. Appenzeller belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order. For a number of years he has been a member of the German Lutheran Church and attends the services of that denomination in addition to giving it material support. Mr. Appenzeller is an independent Democrat. In 1910 Mr. Appenzeller built his modern two-story house of ten rooms and bath room. Has running water, electric lights; in fact, it is modern in every particular.

JOHN R. BEANBLOSSOM.

While many of the business men of Darke county are engaged in tilling the land they have purchased, others are engaged in various activities, some of which are allied with farming. One of the men who is utilizing the knowledge gained during years of work as a farmer in his present occupation is John R. Beanblossom, of Greenville township, a man of experience and ability whose standing in his community is unquestioned. Mr. Beanblossom was born on the 140-acre farm they still own, about two miles northwest of Greenville, June 29, 1857; a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Potter) Beanblossom. Joseph Beanblossom was born and reared in the vicinity of Pikesville, in Greenville township, as this family is one of the old settled ones of Darke county. In time he became one of the heavy landowners of his neighborhood.

The educational training of John R. Beanblossom commenced at the Lindenmuth school, and he spent but little time elsewhere. As there was a good deal of work on the farm his services were required from an early age and he did a man's work for years prior to the time he was twenty-two

years old when he began farming for himself. From then on until about 1910, he continued farming, but in that year began working for the creamery at Greenville, and as such he has since continued.

John R. Beanblossom was married (first) to Mary Lytle and they had the following children: Rena, who married William Fisher, has three children, Charles, Mae and Robert; William, who married Bertha Eib, has two children, Herman and Everett; Joseph, who married Lizzie Lickenfelt, has two children, Treva and Mary; Daisy Mae, who married Earl Roth, has one son, Robert; Charles, who is deceased; Cecela; an unnamed infant, and Maggie. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Beanblossom was married (second) to Katie Arnett. There are no children by the second marriage. The family belong to the Christian Church and take an active part in all affairs pertaining to their denomination. Politically, Mr. Beanblossom has always been a Republican and has served upon the school board. Although he has not cared for other office, he is very prominent in politics in Darke county, and is a recognized leader in his party.

HENRY WARNER.

While material success is desirable, the affectionate regard of those with whom a man is associated during his mature years, and the respect and confidence of the community, are the real wealth. They are the riches that cannot be corrupted, and which live after a man has gone to his eternal home. While Henry Warner has proved his worth as a business man and his ability as a farmer, he has accomplished much more for he has worked long and faithfully for his church; has promulgated and carried to favorable termination many projects tending towards the moral uplift of his community, and has ever striven to bring into his daily life the principles of the golden rule. It is his pride that he knows everyone in Darke county, and certainly no one knows aught but good of him. Although he has lived in this county for so many years, he was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1835, a son of John and Charity (Hill) Warner. John Warner moved from Bedford county, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he became an early settler of Randolph township. He and his wife had fifteen children, among them being the following: Samuel, Albert, Joel, Enos, Marion and Henry.

Henry Warner, while attending the schools of his district, assisted his father in operating the farm, beginning to do a man's work long before he attained his majority. When he was thirty-eight years old he sought a new territory for his operations and came to Darke county, which has continued his home. After looking over the farms in this neighborhood, he purchased his present one in Greenville township, four miles east of Greenville on the Warren Grove road, which comprises ninety acres of as fertile and well developed land as can be found in the locality. His buildings reflect his good judgment and thrift and he takes pride in his premises and machinery. While his farm is not numbered among the largest in the township, it certainly is one of the best, and he has made a success of all of his undertakings.

The marriage of Henry Warner occurred in Miami county, O., and six children were born to him: Agnes, who is deceased; William H., who is married and has two children; Clemmons V., who is married and has three children; Samuel A., who is married and has eight children; German, who is married and has three children; and Catherine, who married a Mr. Evans, and has one child. For many years Mr. Warner has been one of the leaders of the Dunkard congregation, and has held many of its offices. Whenever assistance of any kind is needed in the church work, a call is always made upon Mr. Warner, and never in vain if the measure meets with his experienced approval. A conscientious man, he has endeavored to live up to what he believes to be his duty, and knowing as many as he does, his influence for good is widespread and powerful. Mrs. Warner died April 26, 1902.

CHARLES CULBERTSON.

To farm intelligently and successfully in these days of advanced agriculture, requires more than ordinary ability and a fair knowledge of soils and their requirements. The work on the farm is being systematized and the farmer is adopting new methods to assist him in his operations and eliminate waste of labor and materials. In passing through an agricultural county like that of Darke, it is easy to differentiate between the farmer of the old school and one of the advanced ones for their properties reflect their ideas as surely as though

they were written upon the walls of their buildings. One of the men who has borne his part in demonstrating the practicality of modern methods in farming, is Charles Culbertson, who owns and operates 240 acres of excellent land on the Culbertson Grove road about three and one-half miles south-east of Greenville.

Charles Culbertson was born on the farm he now owns, September 12, 1862, a son of Thomas W. and Elizabeth H. (Harper) Culbertson. Thomas W. Culbertson was born in Greenville township, where he grew to manhood's estate and developed into a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, although during his younger days he worked as a plasterer and bricklayer. With the money he earned working at these two trades, Thomas W. Culbertson bought land and settled in what was then a wooded region in 1857. For some years thereafter he worked very hard clearing off his land and placing under cultivation, but later had things easier, as his sons grew old enough to assist him. He and his wife had seven children: William H., who is deceased; Frank, who resides at Chicago; Edward, who resides at Greenville; Charles; Harry; Cora, who married E. R. Emrick; and Pearl, who is leader of the National and Home Military Band of Dayton, Ohio.

After taking a course of study in the schools of his district, Charles Culbertson attended the schools of Greenville, while at the same time he made himself useful on the homestead, doing a man's work long before he attained to adult stature. When he was twenty-two years old, he decided to go into the business of farming, and rented land from his parents so that he has always been on the farm that was his birthplace. This is a valuable property and his efforts have aided in adding to its comfortable features as well as increasing its fertility.

On February 13, 1890, Charles Culbertson was married to Luella Trump, a daughter of Joseph and Mary J. (Ernest) Trump. The Odd Fellows hold his membership and he takes pleasure in his fraternal associations. While not a member of any church, he believes in their good work, and contributes towards their support. For the past five years he has been a member of the school board, having been elected on the Democratic ticket, for he is staunch in his support of its principles, and a firm believer in its doctrines. For sixteen years Mr. Chas. Culbertson has been secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

EPHRIAM TEAFORD.

The more intelligent men of the country are not resting content with mediocre achievements, but are launching out and through experimentation discovering the line of work for which they are best suited. An example of this progressive spirit is shown in the career of Ephriam Teaford, sole owner and proprietor of the Teaford Dairy, who, living in Greenville township, finds a ready market for his product at Greenville. Although he had made a success of his agricultural operations, he did not rest upon the laurels already gained, but developed his present business from his private herd, and is now looking forward toward another experiment in truck gardening. Ephriam Teaford was born in German township, this same county, on May 13, 1862, a son of Jonathan and Sophia Teaford, farming people, who lived in German township. Jonathan Teaford was born and brought up in Darke county, where he developed into a farmer and stock raiser. He and his wife had children as follows: Mary J., Barney, George, Leander, Eli and Ephriam. The mother of these children died and her remains were laid to rest in Palestine cemetery.

Ephriam Teaford attended school in district No. 7, his educational opportunities being limited to this one school. When he was twenty-six years old he purchased sixty acres on Section 12, German township, adding to it until he owned one hundred and eight acres. After improving this property he sold it and bought sixty acres, which he still owns, and lived upon it until 1910, when he purchased his present forty-acre tract about a mile from Ft. Jefferson. In addition to these holdings, Mr. Teaford owns forty acres in German township, so that in all he has one hundred and forty acres of land, all of which is in prime condition. His dairy is a modern one, and his operations are conducted along strictly sanitary lines, so that his product meets all regulations and sells readily. Although he has always succeeded in his undertakings, for he puts energy and thought into them, Mr. Teaford has achieved more in his dairy work than along any other line and is recognized as one of the leading dairymen of his township.

Ephriam Teaford was united in marriage with Florence D. Mills, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Teaford have had the following children; Echo, who married Noah Wenrick and they have a son Stanley; Deo, who married Mae Lane; Arno and Reno. The Universalist church

finds in Mr. Teaford an intelligent and helpful member, and he never fails to give his hearty support to all measures advocated by it that he deems will work out for the ultimate benefit of the majority. Since he first availed himself of the right of franchise, Mr. Teaford has cast his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party, for he is a firm believer in its principles. Although a good party man, his time has been so occupied that he has not found opportunity to go into public life, preferring to confine his efforts for civic betterment to his work as private citizen.

GEORGE BEANBLOSSOM.

George Beanblossom, of Greenville township, belongs to a class of men who are the most independent in the world; the men who feed those whose necessities of inclinations take them far from the source of supply of foodstuffs. Mr. Beanblossom comes of an agricultural family and in adopting his life work followed the example of his father and carried out the traditions of his people, who believed that from the soil was man intended to gain his living. At present George Beanblossom manages a very valuable farm of 122 acres of land on the range line between Greenville and Washington townships, and conducts it according to modern methods. He was born on the Beanblossom homestead about two miles northwest of Greenville on August 24, 1858; a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Potter) Beanblossom. The father, born and reared near Pikeville, spent his entire life in Greenville township, owning prior to his death a considerable amount of farming property. He married (first) Rhoda Brandon, by whom he had three children: T. A., who lives at Cleveland, Ohio.; Mary, and Walter. His second wife was the mother of George Beanblossom, and a daughter of David and Maria (Ullery) Potter. George Beanblossom was one in the family of five children born of his father's second marriage: John R., who is a farmer of Greenville township; George; Frank; Maria, who married William Nevell, has two children, Teddy and Adah, and an unnamed infant.

Like his brother, John R. Beanblossom, George went to the Lindenmuth school in his native township, and before and after schools and during vacations worked hard on the

farm, as children of those days were expected to do. Since taking charge of his present property he has proven himself an excellent farmer and capable business man and his success is well merited.

George Beanblossom married Anna Merkle, a daughter of Danied and Hannah Merkle. Daniel Merkle came to Greenville township from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Beanblossom became the parents of four children: Elizabeth, Russell, Anna and Verna. The Beanblossom family attend the Christian Church. Since casting his first vote, George Beanblossom has been a Republican, but the duties of his farm have not permitted him to enter public life.

FRANK B. LUTZ.

The Lutz family are among the oldest in Monroe township, Darke county, where they have always had a good standing as useful and public-spirited citizens. Frank B. Lutz, residing on his farm on section 18, Monroe township, post office address, Arcanum, Ohio, was born there October 27 1862. son of Jacob Lutz, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born in 1837. The great-grandfather of Frank B. Lutz A. Lutz came from Germany to Pennsylvania in early life and later located in Darke county, Ohio. Jacob Lutz has lived in Monroe township many years. He was brought to Ohio at the age of two years by his parents, who located in Montgomery county, but later removed to Darke county, Ohio. As a young man he worked as a farm hand and later carried on farming for himself. He was a Republican in politics and served as school director several terms. His wife was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1843 and reared in Montgomery county. She died in 1910 and is buried in Monroe township, Darke county. Jacob Lutz and wife had eight children, all born in Monroe township: John H., whose wife was Katy Binkley, who died May 1911, and second wife was Dora Cool and lives in Monroe township; Frank B., of this sketch; Mary Etta, wife of Isaac Landis, of Monroe township; Hannah Emma married Samuel R. Spitler and died in December, 1888; Nicholas married Gertrude Williamson and they reside in Montgomery county; William B., of Monroe township, married Flora Snider; Alpha T. married Susie Stuts-

man and they live in Monroe township; Pharas S. married Mollie Norris and died in 1908.

In boyhood Frank B. Lutz attended the country schools and helped his father at home and as a young man ran an elevator for William Smith in Pittsburg for three years and eight months after which he rented his present farm consisting of eighty acres. He operated this farm several years and in 1889 purchased eighty acres of it, since which time he has made many improvements. He is very successful in general farming and for fourteen years carried on the manufacture of tobacco boxes in connection with his farm work. At the incorporation of the Pittsburg First National Bank, in 1909, he was elected a director and in June, 1914, he was elected to the vice-presidency.

In politics Mr. Lutz is a Republican and his first presidential vote was cast for Rutherford B. Hayes. He served eight years as township trustee and four years later was elected again to that office, so that he will soon have served twelve years therein. For some twelve or fifteen years he has been a member of the board of education.

On November 9, 1890, Mr. Lutz married Lillie B. Williamson, who was born in Montgomery county, December 22, 1871, daughter of Garrett and Caroline (Spangler) Williamson. Her father was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 22, 1827, and died June 15, 1907, and her mother was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, September 7, 1839, and lives in Preble county, Ohio. He was a plasterer by trade, but carried on farming in conjunction with his other work and served some four years in heavy artillery regiment from Ohio in the Civil War. He was wounded several times and his hearing was greatly impaired. He and his wife had eight children: Henry Alvin lives with his mother; Jesse Calvin married and lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Lutz; Lewis C. married Jessie P. Wilson and they reside in Sheldon, Iowa; Philemon Westley married and they live in Vale, South Dakota; Ella May married Emanuel Leach, lives near Akron, Ohio; Rosetta, wife of Theodore Mahaffy, of Monroe township; Charles A., of Hamilton county, Ohio, married Beatrice Brady. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were members of the Church of the Brethren, as are Mr. and Mrs. Farnk Lutz, his parents having been of the same faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have two children, both born in Monroe township: Pearl May, born November 28, 1893, and Alpha

C., April 22, 1897. The daughter was graduated from the local school and also from the Franklin township high school in 1912; taught school one year in Monroe township and for one year studied in a theological school in Chicago. She married Herschel Jobs, May 3, 1913, and he is now taking a course in North Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, preparing for work as a missionary. Mr. Herschel Jobs taught one term in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio, also three years in the Darke county schools of Van Buren township. He has also taken two years in Bethany Theological school at Chicago. Meanwhile Mrs. Jobs resides with her parents and is preparing herself in various ways to assist her husband. Should the church see fit to send him to foreign fields as a missionary she will be well prepared to assist him. She conceived the idea of helping him in his chosen field of usefulness and since that time has devoted herself to preparing to be an inspiration to him. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, Alpha C., attends the public school of the locality and helps his father on the farm. Mr. Lutz and his wife are well known for their industry and good management and they have accumulated many comforts and the means to satisfy their desires, in a material way, during which time they have also found time to cultivate many warm friendships. They are held in high esteem for their many good qualities and for the quiet exemplary life they have led. They have a pleasant home and have given their children many advantages.

JOHN R. HOLLAND.

It is due to the efforts of the energetic, progressive and skilled farmers that agricultural conditions in Darke county are now in such a healthy condition. Intelligent working of the soil, clear recognition of the value of crop rotation and the use of modern machinery are some of the agencies that have combined to improve conditions wonderfully during the past several decades, for the farmer of today has not been slow to reap the benefits accruing from scientific research and investigation. Darke county has been fortunate in that it has among its agriculturalists men of the most enlightened views, who not alone benefit their community by their own intelligent labors, but by their example encourage their neighbors to adopt the methods that develop the greatest measure

of success. One of these modern tillers of the soil is John R. Holland, the owner of eighty acres of well-tilled land, a part of the old Holland estate, located on the range line on the Holland gravel road, about five miles north of Greenville, in Greenville township. Mr. Holland has been a resident of this community all of his life, having been born on his present farm, October 6, 1872, a son of Charles and Margaret (Hoke) Holland.

John R. Holland, the grandfather of John R. of this review, was a printer by trade and early entered the employ of the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he rose to a foremanship. A charter member of Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he was long associated with that fraternity and became widely known among its members. When past middle age, he brought his family to Darke county, and here spent the closing years of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was the father of five children; Laura, who married a Mr. Crosson; Ada, who married a Mr. Lindamood; Mary, who married a Mr. Atcheson; Charlotte, who married a Mr. Gentner, and Charles Steward. All the children are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Mary Atcheson. Charles Steward Holland, the father of John R. Holland, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a small lad, still in his schooldays, when brought by his parents to Darke county. Here he grew up as a farmer, and this vocation he adopted as his life work, accumulating, through industry and well-directed effort, a handsome competency, and winning as well the confidence and regard of his fellow men. Like his father, who was one of the first commissioners of Darke county and made an honorable record in office, he was much interested in the affairs of his community, and his signal services in the office of director of the school board demonstrated his public spirit no less than his friendliness to education. Both father and grandfather are buried in the cemetery at Greenville, where the family has a large lot. Charles Steward Holland married Miss Margaret Hoke, and they became the parents of two children: John R., and Harry, who married Miss Marie Miller.

John R. Holland received his early education in the Woodington school, following which he attended the Bethel school, and during this entire period spent his summer months in assisting his father on the home farm. He did not embark upon a career of his own until he reached the age of twenty-six years, at which time he began renting land from his father,

and from that time to the present his efforts have been marked by decided success. While general farming has occupied a large part of his time, he has also given considerable attention to the breeding of livestock, and his operations in this line have developed so rapidly that today he is accounted one of the leading breeders of Duroc-Jersey swine of the county, if not of the State. Straightforward in his dealings, his associates have implicit confidence in his integrity, and his judgment is rated so highly that he is often consulted on matters of importance in the livestock line. Mr. Holland is a follower of the Christian Church, is interested in all of its movements, and has been a liberal contributor to its charities. In political matters he is a Democrat and has been active in the ranks of his party, although more as a directing force than a seeker for personal benefits. He may be justly numbered among Darke county's representative men.

JOHN STOCKER. .

An important factor in the agricultural life of Greenville township, John Stocker has gained his present position through his own unaided efforts. Recognized as a skilled agriculturist, his standing in public confidence is equally high, and as a member of the township board of school directors he is rendering signal service to his community. He came to Darke county with no capital save his sturdy heart, his willing hands and his indomitable spirit; today he is the owner of seventy-five acres of excellent land on the Fort Recovery road, about five miles northwest of Greenville. Mr. Stocker was born January 24, 1856, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Rater) Stocker, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany.

Andrew Stocker received a somewhat limited education in the schools of his native country, he being obliged to go to work at an early age, owing to the death of his father. He made the most of his opportunities, however, and in his youth was thrifty and industrious, so that at the age of twenty years he was able to pay his passage to the United States, having decided that a better future awaited him here than he could see before him in the Fatherland. On locating in America, he made his home in Lancaster county, Penn-

sylvania, there engaging in agricultural pursuits until his removal to Montgomery county, Ohio. While living there, at Miamisburg, his mother, who had followed him to this country some years after his emigration, passed away. Mr. Stocker is now living a retired life and is one of the substantial old citizens of Greenville. He married Margaret Rater, also a native of Germany, and they became the parents of twelve children: John, Jacob, Andrew, Elizabeth, Mary, Kate, Henry, Albert, Flora, Adam, Elmer and William, of whom Elizabeth, Katie and Albert are now deceased.

John Stocker received his primary education in the old subscription school in the vicinity of his home in Lancaster county, Pa., and later received the benefits to be derived from attendance at the public schools of Darke county. His boyhood and youth were spent in the hard farm work that devolved upon him as his father's eldest son, but he thus gained experience that has proven invaluable to him in subsequent years. On attaining his majority he at once embarked in operations on his own account, beginning as a renter and saving his first \$500 from the sale of corn at eighteen cents per bushel. After leaving his first property, he spent eight years on the Jackson farm, and then moved to the vicinity of Webster, Darke county, and there rented 165 acres of land of J. J. Ryan for twenty years, during which time he accumulated the means wherewith to buy his present property, bought August 30, 1906. He carries on general farming operations, raises good stock, and is acknowledged to be thoroughly proficient in every line of his chosen work. As president of the Mutual Insurance Company he has the full confidence and regard of his associates and his executive ability has made this one of the strongest concerns of its kind in this part of the State. Mr. Stocker is a Democrat and has taken an active interest in public matters, although his only office has been that of school director, a capacity in which he is acting efficiently at the present time. With his family, he attends the Lutheran church.

On March 14, 1878, Mr. Stocker was married to Miss Elizabeth Eshelman, who is now deceased, since February 15, 1900. She was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 3, 1851. When a child of three or four years she came with her parents, Jno. and Mahala Eshelman, to Adams township, Darke county, Ohio, near Stelvideo. Mr. and Mrs. Stocker were the parents of six children: Bertha Pearl, born December 20,

1878, who married Daniel Crowl April 20, 1902, and has four children, Sherman Emery, Clarence Omar, Maurice J., and Herman Ullery; Earl Roscoe, born July 21, 1880, who married Miss Florence Katherman July 7, 1901, and has three children, Velma Loy (deceased), Kathryn Isabel, and Dorothy Maxine; Lula May, born February 24, 1882, died September 6, 1896; Ruda Morris, born November 28, 1883, who married Miss Maud Sipple December 26, 1906, has two children, Chalmer S. and Clara Elizabeth; Orla and Ortha (twins), born January 5, 1886. Orla married Miss Nora Katherman, December 24, 1912, and has one child, Lois Evelyn. Ortha married Miss Lucinda Smith, January 29, 1913.

Mr. Stocker celebrated his second marriage with Mrs. Anna J. Ullery (nee Rohr) on April 23, 1902. She was a daughter of Joshua and Louisa (nee Koester) Rohr, Mr. Rohr being a pioneer settler and farmer of Adams township, Darke county, Ohio, near Webster. Mrs. Rohr was a native of Hanover, Germany. Mrs. Stocker was born and reared on the same farm on which her father was born. Mr. Rohr is now a retired and substantial citizen of Greenville, and has passed his eightieth milestone in life. Mrs. Stocker was born March 5, 1864. She celebrated her first marriage with Frank W. Ullery, May 29, 1884, to whom two children were born; Hugh Emmett was born September 22, 1886, and died May 8, 1891, in Los Angeles, Calif. Inez Frances was born in Lordsburg, Calif., June 1, 1892; was married to Orville L. Hart, June 30, 1912, and has one child, Georgiana Maxine.

DANIEL B. VAIL.

Darke county is celebrated for its fine farms, and among those who aid in sustaining this reputation at the present time is Daniel B. Vail, an enterprising, progressive farmer and tobacco raiser of Greenville township, who owns and operates an excellent property, pleasantly located about three miles northeast of the city of Greenville. This is a valuable tract, owing to the well-directed efforts of the owner, who has placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and made many excellent improvements in the buildings and other accessories of the farm. His business methods are above question, and industry and energy are his dominant characteristics, so that in business circles he occupies an enviable

position, having the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought into contact.

Mr. Vail was born in Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, August 22, 1849, and is a son of Aaron and Sarah (Katy) Vail. His father came to this county as one of the pioneers, and through a life of industry and sustained effort became one of the substantial agriculturists of his community, while his honorable dealing and public-spirited citizenship made him honored and esteemed by all with whom he had transactions. He and his wife were natives of Montgomery county, Ohio, where they were married, and where they early joined the faith of the Dunkard Church, to which they were true throughout life. They were the parents of a family of eight children.

Daniel B. Vail received his education in the public schools of his native locality, and this has since been supplemented by wide experience and close observation which have combined to make him a man well educated in the important matters of life. He early learned the lesson of thrift and industry, and decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and become a tiller of the soil. Accordingly, while living at home and assisting his father, he carefully saved his earnings until he was able to embark in business on his own account, purchasing a small tract of land, to which he has since added until he now has forty acres. This tract he has developed into one of the finest tobacco farms to be found in Darke county, with a large brick residence and modern buildings of substantial character for the housing of his implements, stock and tobacco. He has no hobby outside of his business; his whole time and attention has been devoted to the development of his land, and he has found no time to enter the political field, although he supports the men and measures which he feels will advance the interests of his community. He has not been active in fraternal life, but is genial and sociable and enjoys the companionship of his fellows. His support is given to all religious creeds and no worthy cause is refused his contribution.

In 1883 Mr. Vail was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Puterbaugh, daughter of David and Amy (Parent) Puterbaugh, well known agricultural people of Darke county. Mr. and Mrs. Vail have had two children. Aaron and Abbey, both of whom live with their parents and assist their father in tobacco raising.

CHARLES RIPPETOE.

Darke county is essentially a farming community, but its thriving towns and villages, its numerous large industrial concerns, its excellent schools and its influential churches prove that a vigorous life underlies every activity, although, here, as in every section of the world, dependence is necessarily placed upon the products of the land and the labor of those who develop it. It is of no moment how or in what manner men may toil, or how much they may achieve in any direction—they must be fed, and it is the farmer in the background who turns the wheels and furnishes the sustenance for the world's workers. Happily, in Darke county, there are owners of land who intelligently and willingly carry on the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and, although they do not seek such a term of approbation, are, nevertheless, benefactors of mankind. A native son of the Buckeye State who is meeting with well-merited success along agricultural lines is Charles Rippetoe, the owner of eighty acres of fine land on the Ansonia road, about five miles north of Greenville, in Greenville township, who is also extensively engaged in the threshing business. Mr. Rippetoe was born October 13, 1876, in the vicinity of Brush Lake, Champaign county, Ohio, and is a son of William and Sarah (Benedict) Rippetoe. The father was a native of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, (then Virginia), from whence he came as a boy to Champaign county, Ohio, and here received his educational advantages. He took up farming as a vocation in young manhood, and accumulated a property in Champaign county, upon which he resided until 1890, in that year coming to Darke county and purchasing his present farm. He still resides in Greenville township, where he is known as a substantial farmer and influential citizen.

The only child of his parents, Charles Rippetoe received the greater part of his education in the city schools of Urbana, Ohio. He worked with his father on the farm during the summer seasons, and thus grew up to sturdy manhood, training alike his mind and his body for his subsequent battle with life. On attaining his majority he started farming on his own account, and after several years invested in a traction engine and modern thresher, and each year his business in this direction has increased. During seasons he travels all over his section of the county, and his thorough relia-

bility and strict adherence to honorable business methods have given him an enviable reputation among those with whom he has had transactions. Mr. Rippetoe has always taken an interest in the breeding of good livestock, and the animals on his property are of excellent breed and in a healthy, sanitary condition.

In 1895 Mr. Rippetoe was married to Miss Bertha Boxwell, daughter of George and Henrietta (Edmonds) Boxwell, prominent farming people of Darke county, who were formerly residents of Warren county, Ohio. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rippetoe, namely: Glenn A., Helen L. and Mabel E. The family does not hold membership in any particular church, but Mr. and Mrs. Rippetoe have always supported religious movements and their charities have been many. Their friendships are many throughout Greenville township.

DANIEL D. RUH.

The appeal of the soil is very strong to some men, who after years spent in other lines of endeavor return to the peaceful vocation of tilling the land, and find its rewards compensating for the industrious toil it demands. Not all, however, have met with the success that has attended the efforts of Daniel D. Ruh, of Greenville township. Reared on a farm, he gave up agricultural pursuits for a few years. Since his return to farming he has met with prosperity, being now the owner of 162 acres of well-cultivated and valuable land on the Ruh road, about two and one-half miles north of Greenville. Mr. Ruh was born on the farm which he now cultivates, August 12, 1868, and is a son of Anton and Barbara (Rinck) Ruh. His father, a native of Germany, fought as a soldier in the Prussian army as a young man, and on completing his service emigrated from his native Baden to the United States, subsequently becoming a substantial agriculturist of Darke county. Here he passed away in advanced years, as did his estimable wife. They were the parents of five children: Eddie, who is deceased; George, a resident of Ansonia; Daniel D.; Mary, who married a Mr. Hoffman, and Barbara, who married Mr. Sczerwinski.

Daniel D. Ruh was given the educational advantages attainable in the Lindenmuth school, in Greenville township,

in the meantime assisting his father in the work of the home farm, in which he has continued to the present time, succeeding his father in the ownership of the old homestead. In addition to general farming, he is greatly interested in breeding stock of all kinds, and has met with particular success in raising Red Polled cattle, of which he ships a large number each year to the markets. He is progressive, enterprising and energetic, and through good management and well-applied effort makes his broad acres pay him handsomely for the labor he expends upon them. In politics he is a Republican, but takes only a good citizen's interest in public matters. With his family, he attends the Lutheran church and for some years has been active in its work and charities.

Mr. Ruh was married October 14, 1901, to Miss Augusta Clara Ostermann, daughter of Herman Ostermann, and to this union there have been born five children, as follows: Mildred, Marjorie, Helen, Elsie and John.

EZRA PLESSINGER.

Among Darke county's sons who have attained distinction in fields of active usefulness is Ezra Plessinger, who was born on the farm which is now his home, February 16, 1864. His valuable property comprises a tract of forty acres, situated on the Winbigler road, about nine miles north of Greenville, in Richland township, which he has brought to a high state of development, and the well-tilled fields of corn and other products, the handsome buildings, the well-fed and contented stock and the general air of prosperity which marks the place, all speak eloquently of the presence of good management, thrift and industry. Not alone in the field of agriculture has Mr. Plessinger attained prominence, for in various public offices he is showing his worth and capability and his constant and earnest endeavors in behalf of his community mark him as one of his township's most public-spirited men. He is a son of George and Mary (Harmon) Plessinger, and a grandson of Philip and Fay Plessinger, who came from Bedford county, Pa., and took up government land under the administration of President Jackson.

George Plessinger was born in Bedford county, Pa., and was a lad of ten years when he accompanied his parents to

Darke county. He grew to manhood among pioneer conditions, securing his educational training in the subscription schools, and assisting his father to clear the land from the virgin timber. As a young man he was employed during the winter terms as a teacher in the early schools, but never gave up farm work, and finally gave his entire attention to the tilling of the soil, becoming one of Richland township's substantial agriculturists. Mr. Plessinger married Miss Mary Harmon, and they became the parents of twelve children, as follows: Lawson and Fay, who are deceased; Sarah J., who married Mr. Davidson; Anna Mary; George A.; Lucy, Emma and Almeda, who are deceased; Philip; Ezra; Millie and Joseph.

Ezra Plessinger was given good educational advantages in the common schools and when not busy at his studies assisted his father and brother in cultivating the home farm. He always showed himself an industrious and hard-working youth, and thriftily saved his earnings, so that at the age of twenty-one years, when he was married, he was able to enter upon a business career of his own. He has continued to be engaged in farming and stockraising to the present time, making a specialty of raising corn, in which he has attained some very satisfactory results. His reliance has been placed in the substantial qualities of perseverance, untiring enterprise, resolute purpose and commendable zeal, and his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned. Since attaining his majority he has been interested in public matters, and in the exercise of his right of franchise has supported Democratic candidates and principles. At this time he is serving as a member of the board of trustees of Richland township, and is ably discharging the duties devolving upon him. Believing that good roads are vital to economic country life, he has interested himself in the building and upkeep of highways, and is now serving as superintendent of roads. Mr. Plessinger is a staunch friend of education, and for ten years served as a member of the school board of Richland township. His family belongs to the Christian church.

In 1885 Mr. Plessinger was married to Miss Belle York, daughter of Joseph and Hulda (Shook) York, the former of whom, a prominent farmer, came from York township, while the latter belonged to a family of near Wabash, Ind. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Plessinger: Mattie,

who is deceased; George H., a carpenter of Versailles, Ohio, who married Mamie Martin, and has two children, Floyd and Robert; Richard, residing with his parents, and operating a tract of eighty acres of land adjoining his father's homestead; Hazel, who married Walter Gerlack, and has one daughter, Dorothy B.; and Ray, at home, who is managing his father's farm.

M. R. MARTIN.

Business circles of Woodington find a worthy representative in M. R. Martin, a well known merchant who is dealing in dry goods, groceries and notions, and whose methods are such as to insure him a liberal patronage. Every branch of commercial activity is represented at Woodington, for this locality is not only a flourishing community itself, but furnishes a large contiguous territory that looks to it as a base of supply. For this reason, many progressive men who seek the best field for the prosecution of their lines of endeavor have settled here, confident in the future of the place and their ability to make their mark upon its development. The men who succeed here, as elsewhere, in forging ahead to the front ranks have to possess more than average ability, sound judgment and unswerving integrity of purpose. Among the younger generations, Mr. Martin has raised himself to an enviable position, and at the same time has secured and maintained a reputation for good citizenship among his associates. Mr. Martin is a native son of Darke county, having been born in the city of Woodington, October 29, 1881, and is a son of H. Theodore and Lizzie (Mendenhall) Martin.

H. Theodore Martin, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Darke county; became, through industry and well-directed effort, one of the leading citizens of his community. For some years he has been living a retired life, and at this time makes his home in Woodington. He married Miss Lizzie Mendenhall, and they became the parents of two children. M. R. Martin was granted excellent educational advantages in his youth, being well fitted for whatever position in life he might be called upon to fill. After completing his primary course in the schools of Woodington, he entered the public schools of

Greenville, and became a student in the Marion Normal school, at Marion, Ind. Mr. Martin entered upon his business career at the age of twenty-six years, when he opened a general store at Woodington, but about four years later, when he was nearly settled, he had the misfortune to lose his stock in a disastrous fire. Nothing daunted, however, he found a new location and stocked it with a new and complete line of goods, and through good management and fair dealing has built up a large and prosperous business. In the fall of 1913 he erected a new establishment, which the growth of his trade demanded and which is a welcome addition to the business structures of the city. Mr. Martin is popular in fraternal circles of Woodington, where he holds membership in the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. With his family he clings to the Christian Church. Mr. Martin is also agent for the P. C. C. & St. L. Railway Company and Adams Express Company, and is also postmaster.

In August, 1911, Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Cox, and one child, Lorene, has been born to them. The Cox family is widely and favorably known in Darke county, Mrs. Martin's parents, Abraham and Maria (Bowman) Cox, being residents of the vicinity of Coaltown. There were five daughters in their family: Sylvia, who married Mr. Hart; Elva, the wife of Mr. Shade; Minnie, who married Mr. Bailey; Glenna, who became the wife of Mr. Dubois and Ethel, who married Mr. Martin.

HONORABLE MARTIN BRYANT TRAINOR.

Probably no man in Darke county is more popular with all classes than the Hon. Martin B. Trainor, the well-known editor and proprietor of the "Greenville Democrat." He is known as one of the leading Democrats of the county and is prominent in social and fraternal circles as well. He is a man of pleasing address, straightforward and sincere in speech and his public spirit and kindly courtesy endear him to all. He has become successful through his own efforts and furnishes an excellent example of what may be accomplished by pluck, ambition and singleness of purpose. He has been identified with Greenville and its various interests over thirty years, during which he has established a high standing and an unex-

celled reputation among his fellow citizens. He has ever kept before him an ideal of honesty and upright dealings with the public, in private and political life, and has given the public his best efforts and faithful loyalty to the best interests of the people. He has the trust of his fellow-citizens who have every confidence in his ability and faithfulness to duty.

Mr. Trainor was born on a farm near Tyner, Indiana, January 29, 1860, and is a son of John and Phoebe Ann (Johnson) Trainor, who spent the last years of their life there and were there laid in their last resting-place. John Trainor was born at Knockfree, County Mayo, Ireland, about 1823 and died in Tyner in 1870, and his wife, who was born on a farm near Tyner, Indiana, died when her son Martin was but two years of age. The father came to America at the age of nineteen years and soon afterwards was employed in Indiana as a woodcutter, and later superintendent of the construction of the Peru Railroad, and thereafter a farmer, that being then a pioneer state. He served in the Civil War from Indiana, having enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

At the death of his father, Martin B. Trainor was taken into the home of his uncle, Morgan Johnson, who owned a store in LePaz and one in Tyner, in company with his brother, LeRoy Johnson. Mr. Trainor began his education in the country schools and the public schools at Tyner and at the age of fourteen years taught one term in what was known as the "Trowbridge" School, about two miles from Tyner. He had already been working as clerk in the stores for his uncles and they were interested in his education. He taught two terms near Tyner and two more terms in LePaz, then entered Plymouth high school, of which Professor Chase was superintendent, and there made an exceptional record as an apt and bright student, ranking at the head of his class, with a general average of 98.6 per cent. His uncle Morgan then decided to send him to the University at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and there he made a brilliant showing, graduating a half year ahead of his class in the classical course.

On March 19, 1884, Mr. Trainor was united in marriage with Miss Katherine May Lecklider, a native of Darke county, born March 19, 1861, daughter of Dr. Lewis G. and Nancy (Otwell) Lecklider, having made her acquaintance when she was a

student at the University of Michigan. Dr. Lecklider was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and for many years was a successful and prominent physician in Greenville and vicinity.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Trainor established himself in business, in partnership with his uncle, owning a small elevator and buying grain on the Pan Handle Railroad under the firm name of Johnson & Trainor. This arrangement lasted some two years; then he built a grain elevator along the line of the D. & U. Railroad, where he carried on a good business and during this time was spending his evenings in the study of law. He studied to such good advantage and so diligently that he was admitted to the Bar in 1886, since which time he has practiced his profession in Greenville and won high standing as a lawyer. He is active in the councils of the Democratic party, having cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He is a member in good standing of the Benovelent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On July 11, 1910, Mr. Trainor purchased the Greenville Democrat, one of Greenville's leading weeklies, from Roland Brothers, and in 1914 erected the substantial two-story brick building, known as the Trainor Building, occupying a part of the lower floor for his paper and having his law offices on the second floor. The remainder of this building is rented out to a restaurant and for offices.

He owns many house lots, several farms and the Trainor Opera House. He is director and vice-president of the Banner Lumber Co. and its chief stockholder. He has many other investments. It can truly be said of him that he is an able lawyer, a distinguished editor, a great writer and a prominent and successful business man. No man in Darke county has excelled so well in so many different vocations in life.

He has one of the handsomest homes in the city, which is located at 200 Pine street. This home of Mr. Trainor and family shows many evidences of refinement and good taste, being furnished rather luxuriously and presided over by a woman who shares much of the popularity and esteem of her husband and is known for her own virtues and kindly hospitality. They have a library of good books and are progressive in their views of public affairs, keeping well up to the events and issues of the times, but finding time for social duties and pleasures. Mr. Trainor is very well read and has

a comprehensive understanding of a diversified number of subjects, having an analytical mind and a desire for knowledge of anything which might add to his liberal education and enlarge his powers of usefulness. He and his wife have three children: Morgan Lewis, an attorney at law, a brilliant young man with a future; Mabel and Agnes, both accomplished and educated ladies, at home.

J. C. WEAVER.

J. C. Weaver, proprietor of a modern and well-stocked drug store in Greenville, is highly respected as an upright and useful citizen and an able business man. His success is due to his own efforts and he well remembers his early efforts to gain a good education and get a start in the business world. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, July 18, 1849, son of Abraham and Sarah (Flory) Weaver. The father was born near Dayton, Ohio, in 1806 and died near his birthplace on May 12, 1896. He spent his entire active life in farming and milling in Montgomery county. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1820 and died in 1861. Their seven children were born in Montgomery county, namely: Abraham, of Greenville; J. C., who is the youngest of the family; five are deceased.

In boyhood J. C. Weaver attended the common schools in Montgomery county. He early formed a desire to gain a higher education and made his other desires subservient to this ambition, undergoing many privations in order to accomplish what he had set out to do. He attended a normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and later graduated from the University of Michigan. He later took a position with a pharmaceutical establishment, selling to the wholesale trade and doing retail work among many physicians throughout the country. Since May 24, 1876, he has been identified with the drug business in Greenville. He has made a reputation for the best kind of drugs and supplies and for honorable dealings. He owns the property where he conducts his business and some years ago bought the pretty home at 401 Gray avenue which the family occupy. He owns some property in the south. He has a fine physique and an impressive personality, polished and easy manners. He has won success by energy and

close application to work and is naturally of a modest and retiring disposition. For many years he had little time for social matters, as his study and work engrossed his whole attention. He made teaching the stepping-stone to his higher education and never lost sight of his main object, making the best use of his time and making the most of his opportunities for advancement. He is much esteemed by his many friends for his many qualities, has an unusual command of the English language and his pleasant voice is noticed at once by any one who meets him for the first time. He is a Republican in politics, with liberal views and his first presidential vote was cast for James A. Garfield. He was appointed a member of the board of control and served in that capacity during the construction of the Greenville City Water Works. Later he served nine years as trustee of the Water Works Department. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

On September 27, 1878, Mr. Weaver married Miss Flora Tomlinson, born in Greenville, Ohio, in 1855, daughter of Henry and Ellen (Creagher) Tomlinson. Her father was born in Darke county and served as a lieutenant in the civil war. Later he served as bandmaster in a military company. He was a saddler by trade and a Democrat in politics. He died in Greenville about 1878. Mrs. Tomlinson was born at Ithaca, Darke county, and now resides at Dayton, being about seventy-eight years of age. They had two children: Minnie, wife of Joseph Fischer, of Dayton; Mrs. Weaver, who died in July, 1889, and is buried in Greenville. She left one child, Bonnie, born in 1881, wife of J. C. Coppock, of Red Bank, New Jersey, has one child, J. Carlton Coppock.

Mr. Weaver married (second) September 28, 1893, Miss Anna R. Cunningham, born at Pendleton, Indiana, January 7, 1870, daughter of Dr. Henry and Emma Rebecca (Mills) Cunningham. Dr. Cunningham, whose ancestors came from Germany to America, was born in Pennsylvania, and for many years lived in Indianapolis, where he practiced his profession and for sixteen years held a chair in one of the colleges there. He died at the age of seventy-one years and was buried in Indianapolis. His wife was descendant of a relative of the well-known Scotch poet, Robert Burns, and was born in Pennsylvania. She died at about the same age as her husband. They had three children, all born at Pendleton, namely: Mrs. Weaver; E. M. Cunningham, M. D., of Chicago; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Reeves, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs.

Weaver have two children, both born in Greenville, Howard E., born in 1895, and Esther, born March 30, 1898. The son is a graduate of Greenville high school and is now taking a special course in chemistry and biology in Michigan University, standing near the head of his classes and making an excellent record. The daughter is a student in Greenville high school. Mrs. Weaver is a member of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM V. STEINMETZ.

William V. Steinmetz is one of the most prominent business men of Greenville, Ohio, and has built up a large establishment from a very modest beginning. He has spent all his life in the tailoring business and has built up a reputation for fair dealing and honesty that is one of his best business assets. He is known as a public-spirited citizen and is held in high regard by all who know him. He has helped many others to get a start in life, and has never forgotten his early struggles to gain a foothold in the business world. Mr. Steinmetz has a first-class business at 440 Broadway, and there employs from five to eight tailors all the year. He has one of the finest homes in the city, and all his success has been won by hard work and good management. He is a native of Darke county, born at Fort Jefferson, November 11, 1867, son of Adam B. and Susan (Gottschall) Steinmetz. His father was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1832, and died in 1904, and was a tailor by trade, as were his father and grandfather before him, in Germany. The great-grandfather came to America before the revolution, with his three brothers. His name was Jacob Steinmetz, and he located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, while his brothers were: Israel, who located in Arcanum, Ohio, also a tailor, and Adam B. Steinmetz worked for him; Henry located in Indiana; Isaac, who went west and was never heard from afterward.

Adam B. Steinmetz came to Darke county, Ohio, as a young man and became known as a tailor and merchant throughout the region, making suits for a large number of his fellow-citizens. He enlisted for one hundred days in the 152nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. His wife was born at Fort Jefferson, Ohio, in 1843 and died in 1907. Both were

buried at Palestine, Darke county. They were parents of eight children, all born in Darke county, and of these six now survive, namely: Agnes, wife of Reason Ketring, living south of Palestine; Sadie, wife of Newton Wilcox, also living south of Palestine; Leota, of San Francisco; William V., of this sketch; Trixy, wife of Dr. A. M. Snyder, of Bloomington, Indiana; James, a merchant tailor of Bloomington. The parents of these children were members of the Church of Palestine. The mother was reared in the Dunkard faith.

William V. Steinmetz was educated in Greenville public schools, with a finishing course at West Manchester. He graduated from the John J. Mitchell Cutting School of New York in 1890, and in 1900 from the Rude Cutting School, then in Cleveland but now in New York city. Also of the Croen-burg School of Chicago, Ill. He had learned the trade from his father, but had an ambition to become expert in modern methods. For eight years he had a tailor shop in Ansonia, then moved to Greenville, which has since been the scene of his operations, and where he now operates the largest tailoring establishment in Darke county. He makes clothes for most of the leading men in the county and for people outside the state as well, and sends his product to Sidney, Winchester, Union City, Dayton, Piqua and many other cities. He follows the most modern methods of workmanship and it is an advantage to a tailor to work under him, for he turns out none but the best of work. He has one employe who has been with him over twenty years, and all who work under him recognize and respect his ability in the line of work he has followed all his life. He started out in life with a capital of ten dollars and by good management soon made his ability recognized, steadily progressing in prosperity, until he is one of the wealthy men of his county. He was dutiful to his parents in their old age, giving them every care and assistance in his power, and at their death paid the expenses of fitting funerals, erecting a suitable monument at their last restingplace. He has always been very faithful to his family in every possible way. Mr. Steinmetz is interested in all that makes for progress and betterment in the community and has held various public offices. He is a Republican in politics and in 1908 was a delegate to the national convention. From 1906 to 1908 he served in Greenville city council, and in 1911 was appointed deputy state supervisor of elections, which will hold good until 1916. His first presidential vote was cast for William McKinley.

He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen.

On June 27, 1891, Mr. Steinmetz married Miss Effie Banta, who was born at West Manchester, Ohio, August 20, 1869, daughter of Henry and Mollie (Brower) Banta. Her father was born on a farm in Preble county, Ohio, in 1842, and resides in Dayton, being retired from active life. He was a nurseryman by occupation and enlisted as a Squirrel Hunter during the Civil War, but never went farther than Cincinnati. His wife was born near Euphemia, Preble county, in 1844. They have four children: Asa is a wholesale nurseryman and lives at Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles lives in Lewisburg, Preble county; Mrs. Steinmeth; Mazie, unmarried, living with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz have two children: Henry Vier, born at Ansonia, August 26, 1895, and Kathryn Louise, born in Greenville, August 3, 1905. Henry V. is a graduate of Greenville high school and is attending a dental college of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz are members of the M. E. Church and help in its support. They have a modern home at 519 Central avenue, and it is fitted up in a manner that shows the good taste and refinement of the owners.

DAVID A. NETZLEY.

During the pioneer epoch in the history of Ohio the Netzley family was founded within its borders, and its representatives have since figured prominently in promoting its development and substantial improvement. For years men bearing this name have been identified with agricultural pursuits, and in Darke county the family is worthily represented by David A. Netzley, the owner of eighty acres of fine land on the Fort Recovery turnpike, about two and one-half miles northwest of Greenville, in Greenville township. Mr. Netzley was born on the old family homestead in Darke county, Ohio, near Laura, August 30, 1871, and is a son of George and Catherine Coffman Netzley.

George Netzley, the grandfather of David A. Netzley, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and in 1836 migrated to Ohio, bringing with him his wife and four children, the latter being:

David, now deceased, whose family resides in the vicinity of Union City, Ind.; John, deceased, whose family lives near Gettysburg, Ohio; George, the father of David A., and Nancy, who is deceased. George Netzley was also born in Lancaster county, Pa., and was but a lad when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, where the greater part of his education was secured in the common schools. He was reared amid pioneer surroundings, lived in a log cabin, and assisted materially in clearing the timber from his father's land. Later he entered agricultural pursuits on his own account and was in the main part successful in his operations, although he passed away when still in the prime of life. He married Catherine Coffman, and they became the parents of eight children: Mary, who married a Mr. Lowry; Uriah; Joseph, who is deceased; Eli, Allen and Jesse, all agriculturalists of Darke county; Rose Etta, who married a Mr. Litten; and David A.

David A. Netzley received his education in the district schools of Darke county, but early gave up his studies to engage in work, as he was but eight years of age when his father died, and he considered it but fair that he should contribute his share to the family support. He remained on the home farm with his mother and the other members of the family until 1892, in which year he went to Muncie, Ind., where he spent several years in a manufacturing plant. There is no yearning in man so strong, however, as the yearning for the soil, and Mr. Netzley soon answered the call and again embarked in agricultural work, remaining in the vicinity of the old homestead until 1900. At that time he removed to a farm about two and one-half miles from Greenville, to the south, in Darke county, but after a short stay removed to his present property on the Fort Recovery turnpike, which he has developed into a valuable and productive farm. Here he has erected one of the nicest residences in Darke county, and has surrounded it with buildings of modern architecture and substantial character. He gives his attention to general farming almost entirely and there are few who have greater reason to be proud of the results attending their efforts. Mr. Netzley's life is that of a thoroughgoing business man; he is particularly prompt in keeping his business engagements and he expects the same consideration from others. He is at all times reliable and his business career and private life are alike above reproach.

Mr. Netzley was married in 1891 to Miss Rachel Brumbaugh, daughter of J. R. and Mary A. (Erbaugh) Brumbaugh, prominent farming people of Monroe township, and four children have been born to this union: Clyde, connected with the Goodrich Rubber Company; Claude, also a resident of Dayton; Della, residing with her parents; and Otho. Mr. and Mrs. Netzley are consistent members of the Christian church. In politics he is a Republican, with progressive ideas, and always endeavors to support those measures which will make for the advancement of his community.

ALFRED ROBESON.

The record of Alfred Robeson is that of a man who has by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many. He not only occupies a leading position among the agriculturists of Neave township, where he has a fine farm of two hundred acres, but is also prominent in public and political circles, and has served in various official positions within the gift of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Robeson was born in section one, Butler Township, on the old Robeson homestead, in 1841, and is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Reed) Robeson.

Andrew Robeson was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and as a lad he accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family first settling near Dayton, in 1819, and about a year later moving to Butler township, Darke county. There he was educated and reared to manhood, his choice of occupation being farming, in which he was engaged during a long and useful career in which he became known as one of his community's leading citizens. He married Miss Elizabeth Reed, who was born and brought up near Palestine, Ohio, and they became the parents of six children, who grew to majority and are yet living.

Alfred Robeson was granted the educational advantages to be secured in District School No. 1, at Beech Grove, and the "select schools" at Greenville, and elsewhere in the county, and one term at Dayton. Subsequent study, experience and observation have made him a man well informed on numerous im-

portant and worth-while subjects. Like the sons of neighboring farmers, he assisted his father in the fields, thus securing experience which has been of great value to him in later years. Afterward, he taught school and spent a short time clerking in a grocery store.

Constant and prudent industry has been characteristic of the man throughout his life. During the nine winters that he taught in Darke county, Mr. Robeson became one of this section's best-known and most popular educators. A good manager in all his pursuits, Mr. Robeson has prospered accordingly, his industrious hands having produced a comfortable living, and his honorable dealings establishing a good reputation. As the years have passed, he has added to his acreage from time to time, as well as to the improvements, stock and equipment on his property. As a result this is one of the most valuable country homesteads in this part of the county.

On October 22, 1868, Mr. Robeson was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Clark, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Parkhill) Clark, of Darke county.

He is an attendant at the Reformed church, in the movements of which he and his wife have taken an active and helpful part. In political matters a Democrat, Mr. Robeson has taken a keen and intelligent interest in the success of his party in this section, and his fitness for office has been recognized by his fellow citizens on numerous occasions, he having served as a member of the County Agricultural Board, land appraiser, and filled the various other school and township offices.

WILLIAM SELLMAN.

Individuals of ability and integrity constitute a prosperous community, particularly if public sentiment is such that that class of men can give a voice in the community's government. It is invariably found that those who have made a success of their private affairs may be relied upon to best govern the affairs of the people, and this fact is exemplified in the person of William Sellman, a successful farmer and stockraiser, who has been elevated to the position of president of the board of trustees of Richland township, an office in which he has been able to do much to forward the interests of his lo-

cality. A native of Greenville township, Darke county, Mr. Sellman was born February 18, 1869, and is a son of Fred and Charlotte (Rehmert) Sellman, and a grandson of Fred Sellman, of Germany. His father, who was also born in the Fatherland, came to the United States with his parents as a lad of fourteen years, and was reared and educated in Greenville township, where he has continued to reside to the present time, now being the owner of 200 acres of good land. During the Civil War Mr. Sellman fought as a soldier in a Missouri regiment of volunteers, and his record, whether in war or peace, has been a highly honorable one. He and his wife, also a native of Germany, had six children: William; Callie, who married a Mr. Wm. Steffen; Minnie, who married a Mr. C. F. Meyer; Henry, a farmer of German township; Edward, of Greenville township, and Fred, of Richland township.

William Sellman grew up on the homestead farm, where, as his father's eldest son, he assisted materially in developing and cultivating the land. In the meantime, he received his literary training in district school No. 7, where he proved an industrious and earnest student, and thus grew to manhood, strong in body and alert in mind. When he reached the age of twenty-nine years, he accepted the opportunity offered to embark upon a career of his own, commencing to rent land from his father, and since that time his advancement has been steady and continuous. At this time he is cultivating a handsome property of 100 acres, located in Richland township, where he carries on general agricultural operations and raises good stock. Upon his property are located a commodious and modern residence, a large and substantial barn, the latest improved machinery and all the accessories and conveniences of the model farm. He may truly be called a self-made man, for success comes to the busy toilers of the world, of whom he is one, and in the acquirement of his property his methods have ever been honorable and commendable, winning him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

For some years Mr. Sellman has been interested in matters of a public nature, and his activities in behalf of his township have brought him favorably before the people of this section. As president of the board of trustees of Richland township, he is giving to his duties the same close and conscientious attention that has gained him success in his agricultural

work, and the township is benefitting accordingly. With his wife, Mr. Sellman attends the Lutheran church. On December 17, 1896, Mr. Sellman was married to Miss Anna Steffen, daughter of William and Mary Steffen. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted son, Virgie Smith, the son of Ronzo and Ida (Dohme) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Adams township, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Andrew Smith, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Adams township. Ida Dohme was the daughter of Frederick and Minnie (Sellman) Dohme, and is now deceased, being buried at Zion church cemetery, Wakefield.

ULYSSES G. DELAPLANE.

Having the honor and respect of all, there is no man in Darke county who occupies a more enviable position in the field of agriculture than Ulysses G. Delaplane, not alone on account of the success he has achieved, but also because of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and by his close application to business and his excellent management has gained a large measure of prosperity. Mr. Delaplane was born January 20, 1865, in Butler county, Ohio, and is a son of Joshua and Harriet (DeCamp) Delaplane. His father was also born in that county, his natal day being October 18, 1831, while the grandparents, James and Jane (Harper) Delaplane, had located in that county as early as 1805, when the grandfather, who had been born in Frederick, Md., in 1779, purchased land at \$2.50 an acre. Joshua Delaplane was reared and educated in Butler county, and his entire career was devoted to agricultural pursuits, his well-directed efforts resulting in the accumulation of a large and handsome property. He was known as one of the substantial men of his community, and as a public-spirited citizen who always had his locality's interests at heart. He and his wife were the parents of four children, namely: Ulysses G., Laura, who married a Mr. Folkerth; Minnie, and Theresa, who married Mr. Rodgers.

The educational training of Ulysses G. Delaplane was secured in the public schools of Butler county, which he attended

until six years old, at which time the family came to Darke county, Ohio, and here he finished at Fort Jefferson. An industrious and ambitious youth, during the summer months and in his spare time he assisted his father in the work of the homestead, and thoroughly prepared himself for his battle with the world. At the time he embarked upon his own career he settled on his present farm in Neave township, where he is the owner of one hundred and seventy acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and upon which he has erected handsome and substantial buildings. Although for several years he has been practically retired from the activities of life, he still maintains an interest in the progress of agriculture, and keeps fully abreast of all advancements and discoveries.

In 1889 Mr. Delaplane was married (first) to Miss Zua Crawford, who died leaving four children: Joshua, who married Miss Moist and has one child, Rosetta; Blanche, who married Charles Zimmer and has one son, Paul D.; James, who married Martha Trojan; and Joel. In 1904 Mr. Delaplane was united in marriage with Miss Emma Norris, and this union resulted in the birth of five children: Earl, John, Harriet, George and Hazel. Mr. Delaplane's political views make him a Republican, and while he has not been an office seeker he has faithfully discharged the duties of citizenship as a member of the school board, an office which he is capably filling at the present time.

ALVIN H. GILBERT.

Placed at the head of a great charitable institution, carrying the responsibility for the welfare of unfortunate children, and imbued with an earnest desire to further their interests, Alvin H. Gilbert, superintendent of the Darke County Children's Home, is respected by his fellow citizens and beloved by his charges and is widely known throughout his part of the county, having been president of the Pioneer Association for ten years. Mr. Gilbert is a native of Darke county, Ohio, having been born in the city of Greenville, March 4, 1848, a son of Jonathan and Eliza Ann (Hayes) Gilbert. He is a member of a family long known in this part of the State, and on the maternal side is descended from Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather Hayes having participated in the war for

American independence and subsequently being one of the earliest pioneers of this part of Darke county (Eastern Greenville township). Jonathan Gilbert, the father of Alvin H. Gilbert, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, and there was educated and reared to manhood, early adopting the trade of plasterer. He emigrated to Darke county, Ohio, in 1832, and settled at Greenville, there following his chosen vocation during the remainder of his active life. Mr. Jonathan Gilbert married Miss Eliza Ann Hayes, and they had six children: William, who is deceased; Francis (deceased); Helen, who married Mr. Peyton; Callie, who is deceased; Alvin H., of this review, and Edwin, who is deceased.

Alvin H. Gilbert was given ordinary educational advantages in his youth, and under his father learned the trade of plasterer, at which he was engaged for fifteen years. It had always been his desire to become a farmer, however, and during the time that he worked at his trade he carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase a small property. Of late years, however, he has given up active work as a farmer, and followed his trade as plasterer for twelve years. On March 1, 1913, he began his labors as superintendent of the Darke County Children's Home, to which he was appointed in February of that year. During his administration the possibilities of the home for doing effective work have been greatly increased, innovations have been made and equipment and improvements installed. Another thing that is deserving of special mention is the fact that during the time Mr. Gilbert has been in charge of this institution, not one breath of scandal has ever been whispered concerning the administration or the treatment of the small wards of the county. Nothing of gloom or despair pervades this retreat, but throughout each department there exists that spirit of helpful co-operation which goes far to look after the interest of each charge. Mr. Gilbert was formerly an active member of the Grange, and has long been a member of the Pioneer Association, of which he has been president for the past ten years. Although not connected with any particular religious body, Mr. Gilbert is liberal in his support of the movements of the various churches and his charities have been numerous. His genial manner and kindly nature make him revered and beloved by the little ones who have been placed in his care.

In 1870 Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Mary Shepherd, daughter of Joel and Saphronia (Clarke) Shepherd. To this

union there have been born four children: Willen P., who is married and has three children, Alvin, Harold and Cora B.; Cora, who married John Myers, has three children, J. W., Genevieve and Robert; Cassius, who married Amelia Brosinki, of Spokane, Wash., near which place they now reside on their own ranch, and Cleone, living with her parents.

BENJAMIN F. SCHOLL.

B. F. Scholl, mayor of Greenville, is well known and highly respected as a public-spirited and upright citizen, and for his public services as well. He enjoys the full confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen and counts his friends by the hundreds. He is a man of high principles and the courage of his convictions, ready to do his duty at all times and in all places. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 10, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Philipine (Fantz) Scholl. His father was a native of Germany, brought to America by his parents at the age of eleven years. The latter located on a farm in Hocking county and there Jacob Scholl remained until 1863, when he located in Lancaster, Ohio, and there conducted a grocery business three years. He conducted a similar business for three years at Bremen, Ohio, after which he located one mile east of the corporation line of Greenville, Darke county, Ohio. He was an industrious and useful citizen and a Democrat in politics. His wife, who was born in Ohio, in 1823, died in 1909, and both are buried at Union City, Indiana. He moved near Union City in 1875 and spent his last years in that town. Their seven children, born in Fairfield and Hocking counties, all reached maturity. They were: Sarah married Isaac Schoemaker and both are deceased; Henry, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Miller; Louisa, wife of Franklin Paulis, of Union City, Indiana; Nancy, wife of L. A. Martin, of New Corydon, Indiana; B. F., subject of this sketch; Eli resides near Union City, Indiana. The parents of these children were devout members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Scholl received his early education in the district east of Greenville, which is now within the corporation and later attended other schools, the last southeast of Greenville. His first work on his own account was done on a farm in Madison county, Iowa, where he was employed two years by Mr. I. C.

Woods. Returning to Union City, he worked two years as a farm hand. On September 12, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Cora F. Zimmerman, a native of Gettysburg, Darke county, born November 14, 1860, daughter of John H. and Amanda (Mark) Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman was born in Pennsylvania in 1827 and located on a farm near Gettysburg, Darke county, about 1841. He died in 1868 and was buried at Greenville. His wife was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Scholl.

After marriage Mr. Scholl carried on farming two years at Painter Creek, then sold out and moved to a farm he had purchased east of Union City, which was their home seventeen years. Upon selling the latter farm they bought one east of Greenville, Ohio, and there spent three years. This farm, which contains 161 acres, is still owned by Mr. Scholl. In 1898 he moved to his present beautiful home on Thirteenth street, Greenville, which he then purchased. For six years after coming to the city he worked as salesman for D. W. Spidel, but since then has been retired from active life.

Mr. Scholl has always been a Democrat in political views and cast his first presidential vote for Hancock. He served in 1890 as assessor in Jackson township and seven years as president of the school board of that township. He was elected two terms councilman at large, serving from 1908 to 1912, and in 1914 was elected president of the city council. By the death of Mayor E. E. Calderwood, which took place on June 24, 1914, he became mayor by virtue of his office. His record as councilman and in all other public offices he has held have shown his true worth. He is courteous and kindly in manner and worthy the trust that has been reposed in him. He is a member of the First Christian Church, and is president of the board of trustees and chairman of the financial board, also a member of the official board of that organization. His wife belongs to the Reformed Church east of Greenville. Both are respected by one and all and have well earned the title of good citizens. They have worked hard to gain their present standing and position and have been true friends and kind neighbors wherever they have lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Scholl have two children, both born in Darke county, one in Franklin and the other in Jackson township, Harvey C. and Ida A. Harvey C. was born near Painter Creek, February 16, 1880, and lives on his father's farm. He married Sarah J. Crawford and they have three children: Earl,

aged ten years; Mary, aged nine, and Russell Benjamin, aged four years. Ida A. Scholl was born near Union City, February 20, 1884, and married George Hupman, a stockraiser, and they live on a farm near Greenville, in Greenville township.

CHARLES A. SCHLECHTY.

That farming in Darke county is a profitable occupation is attested by the subject of this sketch, who, although he has been in business for himself for comparatively only a few years, is now the owner of one hundred acres of valuable land, this being located on the New Madison road, about six miles south of Greenville, in Neave township. Mr. Schlechty belongs to that class of men who, born in Darke county, have grown up and developed with its growth and development, and have at the same time built up and shared its prosperity. His birth occurred on the farm on which he now resides, his natal day being June 18, 1870, and he is a son of George and Rebecca (Winters) Schlechty.

Four generations of the Schlechty family have resided in Darke county. The great-grandfather of Charles A. Schlechty was born in Switzerland, from whence he moved to Germany, and from that country emigrated to the United States and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Christian Schlechty, the grandfather of Charles A., was a lad when he came to this country, he being a native of the Fatherland. He grew up in Berks county, Pennsylvania, where he received an ordinary public school education, and early adopted the vocation of agriculturist, which he followed throughout his life. With his wife Susannah he migrated to Darke county, Ohio, in middle life, and here both grandparents passed away. George Schlechty was born on the farm in Darke county which is now occupied by his son and here he passed a peaceful existence as a tiller of the soil, accumulating a competence for his declining years, rearing his children to habits of industry and honesty, and gaining the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens because of his many excellent traits of character. He married Rebecca Winters, and they became the parents of six children: Willis M., Eason V., David, Jasper N., John F. and Charles A., of whom David is deceased.

Charles A. Schlechty received his preliminary educational

training in the Fort Jefferson public schools, following which he took a course at Valparaiso, Ind., and completed his studies in the Haynes Business College, Chicago. He was well prepared to adopt the vocation of educator, and began to teach when but seventeen years of age, and as such spent some time in the South, but eventually returned to his home, where he remained until reaching the age of twenty-one years. At the time of his father's death, he took charge of the farm, and later, in partnership with his brother, he bought the interests of the other heirs, and since that time has conducted the operations on this highly desirable piece of land. His labors in the active affairs of life have been crowned with a fair degree of success, and his well cultivated fields yield to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestowes upon them. In his political views, Mr. Schlechty is a stanch Democrat, and takes a commendable interest in local affairs, although he is not a politician in the sense of the office seeking. However, his fitness for office has occasioned his selection on the part of his fellow townsmen for the office of justice of the peace of Neave township. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and takes much interest in its work. His time, however, is usually given to his farm and home interests, and he is accounted one of the practical and progressive agriculturists of the community. While he is not a member of any particular church, he liberally supports all religious and charitable movements, and is strictly honorable in all things, owing his success solely to energy, industry and perseverance.

On May 22, 1901, Mr. Schlechty was married to Miss Minnie Hunsinger, daughter of Max and Lena (Wertmiller) Hunsinger, and to this union there have been born two children: George F. and Forest Eugene.

SEBASTIAN VIETOR.

The United States can boast of no better citizens than hosts of its German-Americans, who, although they ever hold dear and sacred their beloved fatherland, are no less devoted to the fair land of their adoption. Nearly sixty years ago Sebastian Vietor cast his lot with the citizens of Darke county, and during the intervening years has not only been an interested witness of this section's steadily increasing prosperity,

but has also aided greatly in the attainment of this desirable condition of affairs. Practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied never fails to win success, and the life of Mr. Vietor is but another proof of this statement. With limited advantages in his youth, he started out to make his own way in the world, and his diligence and judicious management have brought him a handsome reward for his labors, he at this time being the owner of a well-cultivated property of one hundred and thirty acres in Neave township. He has also been a prominent factor in the public life of his community and as president of the board of trustees of his township has played an important part in the progress and development of its varied interests. Mr. Vietor was born in Germany, in February, 1849, and is a son of Peter and Elsie (Worch) Vietor.

Peter Vietor was a native of Germany, and was there reared and educated and learned the trade of tailor. Feeling that he could better himself in America, in 1854 he emigrated to this country with his family, and after landing at New York city made his way to New Madison, Harrison township, Darke county, Ohio, where he made the family settlement. He continued to follow his trade during the remainder of his life here, and was an industrious and hard-working citizen. He and his wife had seven children: Mrs. Catherine Faulstick, deceased, and Sebastian, both born in Germany; Eckert, deceased, who was born on the ocean while the family was coming to this country; John, born in Germany, deceased; Mrs. Anna Henry, William, a resident of Butler township, Darke county, and Mrs. Lizzie Ganger. The last three named were born in Harrison township.

As a small lad Sebastian Vietor received his early education in the schools of his native land, and after coming to Harrison township he attended the public schools here. He was an ambitious and industrious lad and during his entire school period worked among the neighboring farmers, carefully saving his earnings with the end in view of establishing a home of his own. When twenty-six years of age he left the parental roof and purchased a farm, on which he at once began operations. His first few years were filled with hardships; obstacles constantly arose in his path; misfortune attended many of his best planned efforts; yet he never allowed himself to become discouraged, and he eventually became one of the solid, substantial men of Harrison township. Later he moved to Neave township, where he has his home at this time, and is ex-

tensively engaged in truck gardening. He has also done a great deal in the line of carpentry and painting, and his entire career has been one of industry and usefulness.

On October 17, 1875, Mr. Vietor was married to Malissa Schlecty, and to this union there have been born six children, as follows: Elsie, who lives at home with her parents; Elmer, who married Maude Wood; Oscar, who married Hazel French and has one child, Lowel; Luna, who married Elmer Brumbaugh and has a daughter, Majorie; Earl, who married Mabel Ludy and has one child, Bessie; and Carrie, who is single and resides with her parents. The mother of these children died in the faith of the Christian church, to which Mr. Vietor also belongs. A Democrat in politics, he has long taken an active interest in public matters, and is now serving efficiently in the capacity of president of the township board of trustees. He is a public-spirited and highly esteemed citizen and takes a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted community.

EDWARD AMMON

Edward Ammon conducts one of the largest grain elevators in Darke county, and is interested in many of the other leading enterprises in his region. He has an extensive real estate business, is interested in the local bank and has invested in many other business projects. He has a business in Gordon, where he resides, and is well known as an enterprising and progressive citizen, ready to help any worthy enterprise for the good of the community and known to be upright in all his dealings. He is prominently identified with Darke County Agricultural Society and much interested in its operations. Mr. Ammon was born at Liberty, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 28, 1846, and is a son of Levi and Margaret (Bierley) Ammon. Through both his parents he is descended from a Revolutionary soldier and some of his cousins are tracing the ancestry. He will then be entitled to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and has reason to be proud of this distinction. Levi Ammon was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1914, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1820, and died in 1913. They were among the substantial pioneer settlers who did so much for Montgomery county and

made their permanent home there, winning the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

In early life Levi Ammon was bound out to learn the trade of shoemaker, which he followed subsequently until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to Ohio. He drove a huckster's wagon in Cincinnati for thirty or thirty-five years, and during this time made his home at Liberty. In 1860 he located in Miami county, Ohio, and in 1864 went into mercantile business at Potsdam, remaining in this until his death, under the firm name of Levi Ammon & Sons, having branches at Gordon and at Laura, also one at Painter Creek. After the death of the father the sons closed out the business at all the branches except those at Potsdam and Gordon, the former being now conducted by a grandson of the original proprietor, Harry Ammon, while a son, Charles Ammon, conducts the one at Gordon. There were fourteen children in the family, of whom but seven reached maturity, and most of them were born in Montgomery county: Mary Ann, deceased, wife of Charles Welbaum, of Potsdam; Jane M., deceased, wife of Floyd Stoneman; George H., deceased; Edward; William, deceased; Belle, wife of G. P. Ditmer, of Potsdam; Charles M., a resident of Potsdam, whose business is at Gordon. The parents and the children who are deceased are buried in the cemetery at Potsdam.

John Baird, grandfather of Mrs. Margaret (Bierley) Ammon, an Englishman by birth, was one of twelve Englishmen chosen by George Washington to be his bodyguard, but refused. In company with a great-uncle of Mrs. Ammon, he left home and served seven years in the Revolution on the side of colonists, both being disinherited by their parents, who were strong Tories. They had gone on a fishing expedition and it was some time before their people knew they had not been drowned. The river was dragged in the effort to recover their bodies, and it was some time before they were able to send word back home where they had gone and what they were doing. The bitter feeling of the parents can well be imagined.

Edward Ammon secured his education in the public schools at Potsdam, and upon leaving school took a position as clerk for his father in the store there. Upon reaching his majority he was taken into partnership by his father, who treated each of his sons in this way as they reached the age of twenty-one years. He has thus always been connected with mercantile

affairs, for which he early developed a liking and considerable ability, and some thirty-five years ago established his elevator business at Gordon, doing this with proceeds from the father's estate, which belonged to the firm, and which he controlled. This is the only elevator in the village and Mr. Ammon is one of the oldest agents on the line of the D. & U. Railroad. He has kept himself well informed of the activities of the leading business enterprises in his part of the county and has invested in those which appealed to his good judgment. He is vice-president of the Farmers' Bank of Arcanum. He has a handsome residence property on Main street, Gordon, near his place of business, which he purchased and remodeled to suit his own tastes. He also owns some fine farming land, comprising three farms, aggregating some 275 acres of land in Darke county, 160 acres in Preble county and forty acres in Miami county, making nearly 500 acres altogether. He has been a member of the agricultural society for twenty-three years and is now its treasurer. He and his brothers, like their father, have fine business records and their honesty and probity have always been thoroughly recognized. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for General Grant. He has served as county treasurer and served nine years as a member of the Union Township School Board. The school-house at Ithaca, one west of Arcanum and the one at Gordon, were erected under his directorship, and he has always been much interested in the cause of education. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Grand Army of the Republic.

In February, 1864, Mr. Ammon enlisted in the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, and participated in engagements at Lynchburg, Va., Liberty, Va., Salem, Va., and two at Beverly, Va., serving creditably to the close of the war. His brother George served in the 44th Ohio Infantry, was taken sick, and afterwards enlisted for one hundred days in the same regiment.

In November, 1874, Mr. Ammon was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Falkner, born near Milton, Miami county, Ohio, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Niswonger) Falknor. The Falknor family lived east of Phillipsburg, and were farmers by occupation. The parents are buried at West Milton and they were well known as useful members of the community and the father held local offices in the township. They were parents of three children, of whom two grew to maturity: Granville, of West Milton, and Amanda, Mrs. Ammon. Two sons have

blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon, Earl and Roy. Earl was born in Miami county in 1875, is unmarried and lives at home. He is associated with his father in business and fraternally belongs to the Order of Eagles. Roy Ammon was born in Darke county in 1880 and is a member of the firm of Ammon & Sons. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. The sons are young men of business ability and promise and have shown character and behavior of which their parents may well be proud. Mrs. Ammon is a devout member of the United Brethren Church. She is a woman of good taste and refinement and presides over a most pleasant home and family circle.

JOSHUA DELAPLANE.

For thirty-three years the late Joshua Delaplane was a resident of Neave township, and in a history of the prominent and influential citizens of Darke county he is certainly deserving of mention, for his well spent life, his ability, his loyalty to public duty and his fidelity in private life all gained him a place among the leading residents of the community. From his arrival here in 1872 until his death in 1905, he was identified with the agricultural interests of this township, and so well directed were his efforts that he accumulated a property of four hundred and fifty acres, in the meantime winning also the respect and esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Delplane was born near Hamilton, in Butler county, Ohio, October 18, 1831, and was a son of James and Jane (Harper) Delaplane.

James Delaplane was born in Frederick county, Maryland, from whence he removed to Butler county, Ohio, as a pioneer about the year 1799. Locating in the woods, he cut the timber and made a home for his growing family, and eventually became one of the substantial men of his day and locality. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: John, William, Joshua, James, Margaret, who married a Mr. Longfellow, and Catherine, who married Mr. Scott.

Joshua Delaplane secured his educational training in the public schools of Butler county, Ohio, which he attended during the winter months, while in the summer he helped his father and brothers to cultivate the home property. As a young man he chose agricultural work as his life occupation, and while still living in Ohio carried on general farming and

stockraising operations for about six years. He also had a business experience in Missouri, but this was of short duration owing to the fact that the country did not impress him favorably at that time, and in 1872 he disposed of all other interests and came to Darke county, settling on land in Neave township. This property has not left the family, for it is now owned and operated by Mr. Delaplane's son, Ulysses Grant. He started his operations in a modest manner, but as the years passed and his finances permitted he added to his land from time to time, made numerous improvements, bought new equipment and livestock, and eventually became one of the leading agriculturists of Neave township, and was especially known as a stock man. When he died, in April, 1905, the farming interests of Darke county lost a man who had been ever among the most progressive and energetic; his community an upright citizen, who had never failed in his public spirit, his family a kind and indulgent husband and father and his wide circle of friends one who had demonstrated his loyalty on numerous occasions. Mr. Delaplane's views on the temperance question made him a Prohibitionist in politics. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always endeavored to live according to its teachings.

Mr. Delaplane was married to Miss Harriet DeCamp, daughter of William and Isabelle (Thorn) DeCamp, farming people who came to Darke county from Butler county, Ohio, at an early day, and entered land in Neave township. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Delaplane is the only survivor. Both Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp were kindly Christian people and were buried in Darke county. Mr. and Mrs. Delaplane had four children: Ulysses Grant, a substantial farmer of Neave township; Laura, who married a Mr. Folkerth; Minnie, and Theresa, who married a Doctor Rodgers.

CHARLES D. FOLKERTH.

A native son of Darke county, Charles D. Folkerth was born on a farm in Greenville township, November 20, 1870, and is a son of L. D. and Rachael (Cox) Folkerth. His father, the present treasurer of Greenville township and a retired farmer, is living on Switzer street, in the city of Greenville. L. D. Folkerth was born April 2, 1842, in Greenville township.

and is a son of Jesse and Anna (Curtis) Folkerth, the former of whom came from Montgomery county in 1808 and located in Greenville township, where he entered land from the government. Jesse Folkerth was one of the early stockmen of Darke county, carried on extensive operations and became widely and favorably known in business and agricultural circles. He and his wife were the parents of five children, as follows: William, Maria, who married Mr. Swank; L. D.; George, who is deceased, and Christ. L. D. Folkerth was given ordinary educational advantages in the district schools, principally in Van Buren township, and at the age of fifteen years entered upon a career of his own by working by the month. For forty years before his retirement he resided on the Studebaker farm, and then located in Greenville, where he purchased the property on Switzer street, where he now resides. He was married in 1862 to Miss Rachael Cox, and they became the parents of four sons: William, who is married and has three children: Jesse, who is the father of six children; Thomas, who has one child; and Charles D. Mr. Folkerth's second marriage was to Miss Fannie Purdy, and they became the parents of three children: George, who has one child; Ora, who has two children, and Harry, who is deceased. Mr. Folkerth is a veteran of the Civil war, having fought gallantly in the Union army as a member of Company G, Forty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and has proved himself just as faithful and courageous in fighting the battles of peace. A Democrat in his political views, he has been prominent in the ranks of his party, whose candidate he became for the office of township treasurer, being elected thereto at the ensuing election by a satisfactory majority. In this office he has rendered his fellow citizens signal service and is proving conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his duty. With his family, Mr. Folkerth attends the Christian church.

At the age of seven years, Charles D. Folkerth began to receive his educational instruction in the Studebaker school, which was located south of Greenville in Greenville township. This was subsequently supplemented by attendance at an institution at Daleville, Va., where he took a business course, and upon his return to Ohio worked on a farm up to the time of his marriage. He then rented a property from Joshua Delaplane for some time, subsequently entering the stock business, and then went to Castine, Ohio, where he embarked in dealing in agricultural implements. He continued thus in connection

with buying and selling stock, and by good judgment, foresight and well-directed management was able to make an unqualified success of each venture. Later, however, he answered the call of the soil, purchasing his present farm of one hundred acres, located on the Fort Jefferson road, one-half mile south of Fort Jefferson, where he has continued to follow agricultural pursuits to the present time. Mr. Folkerth has worthily won the proud American title of "self-made man," for all that he possesses he owes to his own efforts and energy. In addition, he has not only won a comfortable competence, but also shares in the high regard of his fellow-citizens, and justly merits the esteem which is so generously accorded him. In political matters he is a Democrat, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife and children are also members.

Mr. Folkerth was married (first) to Miss Laura Delaplane, who is deceased, and to this union there were born four children: Thomas D., Robert J., James O. and Ralph R., the last-named being deceased; Mrs. Folkerth died May 10, 1902, and was buried in Fort Jefferson cemetery. On November 28, 1907, Mr. Folkerth was married (second) to Mrs. Luella (Royer) McCabe, the widow of Mack McCabe, who had three children by her first union: Fay, Sylvia and an infant deceased. Mr. Folkerth has a pleasant home, surrounded by handsome and substantial buildings. Until destroyed by a windstorm five years ago, there was located on this property one of the largest coffee-nut trees in this country, to see which people came from all over the United States. A picture of this tree is now hung in the Smithsonian Institute, New York.

L. D. FOLKERTH.

Among those leading and representative farmers of Darke county, whose labors have contributed to the material advancement and general welfare of the community is L. D. Folkerth, now living a retired life at Greenville, where his pleasant home is located on Switzer street. His life has been a busy and useful one and furnishes an example of honorable dealing, steadfast purpose, fidelity to principle and invincible moral courage that is well worthy of emulation. He has rendered his fellow-citizens signal service in offices of responsibility and trust, and

at this time is acting efficiently in the capacity of treasurer of Greenville township. Mr. Folkerth was born April 2, 1842, in this township and is a son of Jesse and Anna (Curtis) Folkerth.

Jesse Folkerth was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, whence he came to Darke county in 1808 and located in Greenville township, entering land from the United States government. His first operations were in the line of general farming, but gradually he became interested in stock raising, and in this connection became widely known in this section of the county. He and his wife were the parents of five children: William, Maria, who married Mr. Swank. L. D.; George, who is deceased, and Christ.

L. D. Folkerth attended the country schools and secured the greater part of his education in VanBuren township, although his school days ceased when he was fifteen years of age, when he commenced working by the month. He gradually obtained property of his own, and for forty years resided on the Studebaker farm in Greenville township. At the time of his retirement from agricultural pursuits, Mr. Folkerth came to Greenville and now resides on Switzer street, where he has a commodious and comfortable home, fitted with the most modern conveniences. At the outbreak of the Civil war, Mr. Folkerth, with other youths of his locality, offered his services to the Union cause, and being accepted was made a member of Company G, Forty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. His was a commendable service, his bravery and cheerfulness under all conditions winning him the respect of his comrades, and his faithfulness to duty gaining him the esteem of his officers. Mr. Folkerth is still interested in the stock business, and makes a hobby of handling horses, of which he is an excellent judge. In politics a Democrat, he has been an active worker in the ranks of his party, and is now serving his third term as trustee of Greenville township. His administration of the affairs of this position has always been safe, yet progressive, and while connected with the township government has been able to do much to advance his community's interests. Mr. Folkerth is a member of the Christian church, to the movements of which he has been a liberal contributor.

In 1862 Mr. Folkerth was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Cox, of Greenville township, and to this union there has been born four children: William, who is married and has two children; Jesse, who is the father of six children; Thomas.

who has one child; and Charles D., a farmer and stockraiser of Greenville township, who is married and has three children. Mr. Folkerth's second marriage was to Miss Fannie Purdy, and they have had three children: George, who has one child; Ora, who has two children; and Harry, who is deceased.

JOHN MILLER.

The public in general takes great interest in following the history of a young man who has started out in his life's career handicapped in innumerable ways, without capital or influential friends, and who, notwithstanding all these obstacles, pushes manfully toward the goal of success which he has set before him. Such a man is the one whose name heads this article, and who is now well and favorably known as a general merchant at Weaver's Station. In almost every respect he is self-made and self-educated, and too much credit cannot be given him for the brave and manly way in which he has overcome difficulties that would have made the spirit of most men despondent. Mr. Miller is a native son of Darke county, Ohio, having been born on a farm about one mile east of Nevada, in Richland township, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Kershner) Miller.

Isaac Miller was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, and was there educated in the country schools. When a young man he migrated to Darke county and took up land in Richland township, on which he continued to be engaged in operations for many years. He was an earnest, industrious and skillful farmer, made the most of his opportunities, and achieved a satisfactory measure of success. At this time he is living retired from the activities of farm work, but continues to take a keen and intelligent interest in all that pertains to the progress of agriculture. Mrs. Miller is a native of Darke county, and also survives, making her home with her husband and son in their comfortable dwelling at Weaver's Station. They have been the parents of three children: John, George, who is engaged in farming on a property in Neave township, and one child who died in infancy.

John Miller secured his educational training in the public schools of Brown and York townships, and proved himself a zealous and industrious scholar. During the summer periods

he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, but at the age of nineteen met with a serious accident, the nature of which precluded any idea of his doing hard work. Doing such light tasks as his strength would permit, taking advantage of every opportunity to advance himself and thriftily and wisely saving his earnings, he accumulated enough capital to come to his present location, buying a grocery store which had a small established trade. From this modest beginning he has built up a fine and healthy business, which attracts trade from all over the surrounding country. Mr. Miller has ever been honorable in his business methods, and through his straightforward dealings has won the respect and esteem of the community and the utmost confidence of those with whom he has done business. For some years he worked at the carpenter trade in various parts of Darke county, and examples of his skill and good workmanship are still to be found.

Mr. Miller is a Democrat in his political views. For three years he served in the capacity of assessor, and at this time he is acting as postmaster. His genial and courteous manner make him one of the most popular officials this village has had, and few men here have a wider circle of friends.

SAMUEL B. McCABE.

In the death of Samuel B. McCabe, which occurred January 4, 1908, Darke county lost a citizen whose memory is still held in the deepest respect and veneration. His path was ever that of integrity and virtue, of trustworthiness and fidelity, and his mind bore the impress of the historic annals of the State of Ohio from an early period in its history. For many years he retained his residence about one-half mile south of Weaver's Station, where he was the owner of one hundred acres of fine land, and was one of the revered patriarchs of the community. Such a life contains many lessons well worthy of emulation, and it is with pleasure, therefore, that his record is presented in these pages.

Mr. McCabe was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, September 30, 1832, and was a son of Isaac and Rachael (Brown) McCabe. His father brought the family from the East to Ohio when Samuel B. was still a child, and settled at Franklin, Warren county, where he spent the remainder of his

career in agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife died at Franklin and were laid to rest in the cemetery there. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Mary, who is making her home in Missouri in advanced years, and James, John, Samuel and Wesley, all of whom are deceased.

Samuel B. McCabe received his preliminary instruction in the public schools of his native State, and after coming to Ohio completed his education in the district schools of Warren county. On leaving the Franklin schools, he worked on the home farm until he was of age, in the meantime carefully saving his earnings, with the result that when he was still a young man he was able to purchase the nucleus of what was to become one of the handsome properties of Darke county. He was long known to the people of Neave township as a man of sterling integrity of character, generous in all things, and with a degree of public spirit that kept his community's interests all foremost in his heart. As a farmer and stockraiser he was skilled in his methods, using the most modern machinery with excellent results. At the time of his death he was living somewhat retired, being in the enjoyment of the fruits of his many years of industrious labor.

Mr. McCabe was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Knee, daughter of Henry and Christina (Harp) Knee, who came from Pennsylvania and located at Germantown, Ohio, and subsequently located on a farm in German township, Darke county, where Mrs. McCabe was born, educated and reared. Mr. Knee was a member of the United Brethren church, a well-known Democrat of his day and locality, and a successful agriculturist. He and his wife had five children: John, Silas and Jacob, who are all deceased; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Finnarn, and Sarah, who married Mr. McCabe. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe became the parents of the following children: Ula, who married Frank Crumine, and had one daughter, Zelma, who married William Brown, and has one child; Dora, who married Alfred Niswonger, and had six children; Reo Wealthy, wife of Howard Ketty, with two children, Robert and James; Lester, who is deceased; Arden, who married Ward Williams and has one child, Samuel; Mary and Leo, who married Dave Gray and has one child, Stephen A.; Elizabeth, who married Lemuel Payne, and had two children, Earl, who married Ethel Thorn, and has four children: Leroy, Mary, Mildred, and Andrew, who married D. Curtner, and had two children, Marion and Helen; Oscar, who married Anna Lautenschlager,

and had six children, Clo, Icey, who married Earl, and had two children, and Frank, Ethel, Carl and Ruth; Ora, who married Charles Townsend, and had one child, Vernie; Bert, who married Sadie Jenkerson, and had four children, an infant, Raymond, Harry and D. Wilbur; Max, deceased, who married Luella Royer, and had two children, Fay and Sylvia; and Samuel B., living on the old homestead, who married Julia Zonia and has five children, Gladys, Sylvester, Shirley, Alpha and Warren.

Mr. McCabe was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and earnestly endeavored to live up to its teachings. He was a Democrat in politics, but did not care for the struggles of the public arena. Aside from the pleasures of his home, he most greatly enjoyed to set forth with his rod or gun, and it was seldom that he returned from these excursions without some trophy of the furry or finny tribes. His life was one of industry, sobriety and probity, and his success came only as the result of constant and well-applied effort.

WILLIAM DAYTON ALBRIGHT.

To some individuals success appears as an elusive thing, but it will be found that failure generally results from the lack of one of the elements which may be acquired by all—perseverance, energy, industry and resolute purpose. An analysis of the life records of successful men show that these qualities have been the causation of their prosperity, and such is the case with William Dayton Albright, a leading and successful farmer of Darke county, who owns and occupies a good farm of eighty acres pleasantly situated on the old Palestine turnpike in Greenville township, about three and one-half miles southwest of Greenville.

Mr. Albright is a native of Darke county, having been born April 11, 1857, one-half mile south of Arcanum in Twin township, a son of Henderson and Catherine (Leedy) Albright.

Henderson Albright was born in the State of North Carolina and shortly after moved with his parents to Tennessee, and on growing to manhood came to Darke county, where he was married. He located on a farm in Twin township, which he carried on a few years and then sold out and moved to Gordontown, where he bought and successfully conducted a

sawmill which he leased in 1864 and enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Three of his brothers became soldiers at the same time, and in same regiment. Three other brothers had gone into the army earlier in the service. Of these seven brothers all lived to come home. Three of them received wounds. Adam C., the youngest of the seven, was in from 1861 to the close of the war, having re-enlisted after his first term had expired. He was one of the three wounded, having received a ball in the foot. He now lives at Hastings, Neb. At the battle of Mine Run a ball struck the canteen worn by William K. and after passing through it struck the plate containing the letters "U. S." with such force that the shock made a severe contusion on the abdomen that caused him to think he was severely wounded, but he soon recovered sufficiently to know that what he had mistaken for blood was only the warm water from the canteen. He is now a retired minister in the United Brethren church and lives in Greenville.

Phillip was one of the three wounded ones. After the war he became a farmer in Darke county, where he passed away on March 20, 1908. All of these men proved faithful and gallant soldiers and their military record was an excellent one of which their descendants may well be proud.

Henderson Albright's children were all born in Twin township. May 17, 1865, he moved his family to a farm in Greenville township, which he had bought a short time before. Here he passed the remainder of his life in tilling the soil. He was a good and public-spirited citizen and showed himself as constant and persevering in discharging the duties of citizenship, as he had been when he fought in the ranks of the blue.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Albright were born five children. The first died in infancy, John C. Fremont was married, December 20, 1888, to Sarah Harnish. He passed away June 12, 1906. His widow lives at 320 West Broadway, Greenville, Ohio. William D., the subject of this sketch, and Charles Simpson, an undertaker in Greenville, Ohio.

William D. Albright attended the district schools in Greenville township in the winter months and assisted on the farm in the summer. After finishing the work in the country schools he attended a more advanced school in city of Greenville two terms. He thus mastered the elementary branches of English education. In the summer months his labors were needed upon the home farm, and from the time of early planting in the

spring until crops were gathered in the late fall he assisted in the work of the fields and the other departments of farm labor. Mr. Albright was also inclined to mechanical work, and for some time was engaged at the carpenter trade, but soon returned to tilling the soil, and is now known as one of the substantial agriculturists of Greenville township. He has a pleasant home, large stock and feed barns and other substantial buildings, uses modern machinery, and makes his land pay him well for all labor expended upon it. In addition to general farming operations, he has been interested in the breeding of various kinds of livestock, and has made a decided success of raising pure bred Duroc hogs. In politics Mr. Albright is a Republican, but his interest in public matters has been limited to casting his influence with those things which he believes will benefit the community in the greatest degree. Like all the members of his family, he belongs to the United Brethren church.

In February, 1893, Mr. Albright was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Morris, who died November 25, 1904, and was buried at the Greenville cemetery. She was a direct descendant of William Morris, one of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Albright, namely: Paul M., born April 30, 1894, and Catherine Ruth, born April 20, 1896.

Henderson Albright passed away October 27, 1908, and was buried at Greenville. His wife is now living with William D. Albright.

WILLIAM P. CUNNINGHAM.

Through a long period of more than a quarter of a century William P. Cunningham was numbered among the leading and enterprising farmers of Darke county, Ohio. His life was well spent and commanded the confidence of all with whom he came into contact in business circles, and although he is now living retired he is still widely and favorably known, for his career continues to be characterized by strict fidelity to all the duties of home and of citizenship. He started out in the world empty handed, but by his perseverance and energy has accumulated a handsome confidence, and is still the owner of one hundred and thirty-two acres of land in Neave township, where his fellow citizens have expressed their confidence in his ability and honor by electing him to the board of township

trustees. Mr. Cunningham was born September 17, 1860, in Sugar Creek township, Greene county, Ohio, and is a son of James and Sarah (Stratton) Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham's father was also a native of Greene county, where he was reared, educated and spent his entire life. He was a cooper by trade, an occupation which he followed for some years, but during the greater part of his career devoted his attention to tilling the soil, a vocation in which he met with a satisfactory measure of success. He died in 1883, at Bellbrook, Ohio, and was buried there. William P. Cunningham received his education in the common schools of Bellbrook, and during all of his school period assisted his father on the home farm. He acquired a thorough knowledge of farming, and when he was graduated from school adopted that vocation as his life work. Upon attaining his majority he rented land from his uncle, and after some years spent as a renter was able to purchase a small tract of land of his own. To this he added from time to time, until he had accumulated one hundred and thirty-two acres in Neave township, and this property he still owns. Mr. Cunningham continued to carry on operations until several years ago, when, feeling that he had earned a rest from his labors, he turned his business cares over to younger shoulders and since then has been living quietly, enjoying the fruits of his years of industrious toil. Mr. Cunningham has done all in his power to promote the agriculturists' interests in Darke county and to stimulate ambition and progressiveness among them, and his own energetic efforts inspired many others. He is entirely a self-made man and the success he has achieved is the result of his own well-directed efforts. He has been very industrious and his prompt execution of any task that has devolved upon him has been one of the secrets of his prosperity.

One year after coming to Neave township he was elected a member of the board of township trustees, the people only needing that length of time to recognize and appreciate his general worth and ability. He is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church at Bellbrook, and there also is connected with the J. A. M. O. U. Lodge.

On March 3, 1886, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Jeannette Thorp, whose parents were residents of Gordon, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have had no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Nellie Fryermood, who became the wife of Joseph Zay and now lives in Indiana.

FRANK GORDON LONGFELLOW.

Devoting his energies to general farming and stock raising, Frank G. Longfellow still makes his home in Darke county, which was the place of his birth and which will probably be his home until he is gathered to his fathers. He is a member of the younger generation of agriculturists here, but has already made a place for himself among the substantial and progressive men of the community in which he resides, and is a renter of sixty acres under a high state of cultivation, and pleasantly situated on the Jaysville road, about five and one-half miles south of Greenville, in Neave township. Mr. Longfellow was born at Fort Jefferson, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Stephen A. D. and Rachel C. (North) Longfellow.

S. A. D. Longfellow was born at Hamilton, Ohio, a member of an old and honored family of Butler county, members of which had distinguished themselves in various fields of endeavor. He received the greater part of his education in his native place, and was a youth of sixteen when he accompanied his parents to Darke county, here being married five years later. His early training had all been along agricultural lines, and upon attaining his majority he embarked in farming, a vocation which he continued to follow throughout the remainder of his life. He was justly accounted one of the substantial men of his community, who could be depended upon to further the best interests of his locality in matters of importance. Mr. Longfellow married Miss Rachel C. North, a native of Darke county, Ohio, and they became the parents of ten children, as follows: Frank G., of this review; R. G., a resident of Northwest Canada; William C., living at Germantown, Ohio; A. H., Leonard, Margaret, Lawrence, Edna, Helen and Marjorie.

Frank G. Longfellow received his primary schooling in the public institutions of Fort Jefferson, and when his family moved to the farm in Neave township he became a student in the country schools. From earliest boyhood he has been engaged in farm work, for he was the oldest of his father's sons, and it was necessary that he devote all his spare time to assisting in the operation of the home tract. He was carefully and thoroughly trained in all the subjects of which it is desirable for the successful agriculturist to have a knowledge, and proved himself a bright and zealous scholar, so that when he reached man's estate he was equipped to carry on a win-

ning fight in his battles with the world. When twenty-six years of age he was married, and at that time embarked upon a career of his own, and has since continued to successfully compete with the agriculturists of his section. The property is well improved, the fields well tilled and the neat and thrifty appearance of the whole tract well indicates his careful supervision and thrifty spirit.

Mr. Longfellow was married in 1907 to Miss Pearl Hepner, daughter of Emanuel and Mary A. (Harp) Hepner, and two this union there has been born two sons, Robert, who died at the age of two years, and Ralph now three. Mr. Longfellow is a Democrat in his political belief. With his family, he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

ORVILLE A. McNUTT.

The numerous friends of this rising young agriculturist of Neave township, Darke county, are safe in their predictions for him of success in his chosen field of endeavor. Energy, constant perseverance in whatever he undertakes, and many other strong traits of character are noticeable qualities in his nature and are the basis of his friends' belief in his future prosperity. The same will power and determination which he has manifested in the past, if it may be taken as a criterion of the future, will enable him to reach high places in the esteem of the community and in his struggles for material success. Mr. McNutt is now the manager of more than two hundred acres of finely cultivated land located on the old Ithaca road, which he has developed into one of the most productive farms in Neave township. He has been a lifelong resident of this community, having been born on the farm he now occupies, August 18, 1880, and is a son of John and Eliza L. (Brumbaugh) McNutt.

Members of the McNutt family have long been identified with the agricultural interests of Darke county, where the name has ever been a synonym for straightforward dealing and business supremacy. Mr. McNutt's father was a farmer all of his life, and when he retired from the heavier activities of life was the owner of much land, accumulated through well-directed effort. He was not known to political life, but as an industrious, hard-working citizen, doing his share in the improvement of the land, he rendered his community signal

service. John McNutt married Eliza L. Brumbaugh, and they became the parents of three children, as follows: Orville A., of this review; Susan, who became the wife of Mr. Diller Baker, and John, who is deceased.

The education of Orville A. McNutt was secured in the schools of his native vicinity, and he completed in district school No. 4, which was located near the old homestead. During his school period he spent his summers and a large part of each spring and fall in helping his father on the homestead, and thus gained excellent experience for the work in which he had determined to spend his best efforts. At the age of twenty-one years he had shown himself so capable in farm work, that his father turned the management of the place over to him, and he has continued to operate the homestead to the present time. Under his charge the land has been made to produce abundantly, the buildings are in fine repair and the machinery new and practical. He has met with success in general farming, and has also done a great deal in the way of stock raising, raising a number of cattle and hogs for the market each year. His business transactions have ever been carried on in a strictly legitimate and honorable manner, and he has gained in this way the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has had transactions.

Mr. McNutt was married February 8, 1902, to Miss Gertrude Reigle, also a native of Darke county. They have no children. In politics a democrat, Mr. McNutt has served efficiently in the capacity of clerk of Neave township, rendering his fellow citizens excellent service. At present he is assessor for Neave township. His support is given to worthy movements of religious and charitable organizations, although he is not a professed member of any church.

WINFIELD SCOTT ALBRIGHT.

Darke county is celebrated for its fine farms and among those who aid in sustaining the reputation of this section at the present day is Winfield Scott Albright, an enterprising, progressive agriculturist of Neave township, who operates one hundred and five acres on the old Palestine road, about four and one-half miles south of Greenville. This is a valuable

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property, owing to the well-directed efforts of the owner, who has placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and made many excellent improvements in the buildings and accessories of the farm. His business methods are above question, and industry and energy are his predominant characteristics, so that in business circles he occupies an enviable position, having the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes into contact.

Mr. Albright is a native son of Darke county, having been born May 18, 1859, on the old home farm near Arcanum, Twin township, a son of Henderson and Catherine (Leedy) Albright. His father, a native of the State of North Carolina, grew up at the old family home in Darke county and was there married. He was the owner of a farm and sawmill there and had large business interests and a growing family to look after, but when his country called for volunteers he laid aside his private affairs, shouldered a musket and marched to the front in the early sixties with a musket on his shoulder as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Ffty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. At close of the war, he returned to civic life with an excellent record for bravery and efficiency. All of his children were born in Twin township, and there he had an established home, but after the close of his military career he brought his family to Greenville township, which was the subsequent scene of his endeavors as a farmer and stockgrower. Mr. Albright became well and favorably known as a man of integrity and substantiality and his friends were many throughout this section. He and his wife were the parents of five children: First died in infancy; John C. Fremont, also deceased; William Dayton, who is engaged in farming in Greenville township; Winfield Scott, the subject of this sketch, and Charles Simpson, who is an undertaker in Greenville.

Winfield Scott Albright pursued his education in the public schools of Greenville township and high school of Greenville, After attending high school two years he taught two winters, then returned and attended another term of high school and then taught another winter, all in same district. He was reared to agricultural pursuits on the home farm, upon which he spent his summer months. He was an industrious, ambitious youth and grew up a determined and energetic man, zealous to make a place for himself in the community. This ambition has been realized, for today he is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of his section. Mr. Albright has shown himself

to be a man true to every principle in which he believes, earnest in support of his honest convictions, industrious and energetic in the practical affairs of life, cordial and genial among his many friends, and at all times a gentleman whom to know is to respect.

Mr. Albright was married (first) to Amanda Miller, and to their union there was born one child. Mrs. Amanda Albright died soon after the death of Fern Amanda, but the daughter lived to be eight months and fifteen days old. He was married (second) to Miss Esther Morris, daughter of T. B. and Angeline (Harrod) Morris, and five children were born to this union: Henderson M., Wilbur Scott, Jr., George F. and Elbert and Edith, twins. In political matters Mr. Albright is a progressive Republican, although he is not a politician in the generally accepted meaning of the word. With his family he is a member of and attends the Methodist Episcopal church, and supports its movements liberally.

JOHN H. LUTZ.

John H. Lutz is accounted a progressive, enterprising citizen, and has always given his influence toward securing the betterment and progress of his community. He has carried on farming for many years with gratifying success and now contemplates retiring from active life and enjoying the rest he has so well earned. He has won a competence through hard work and good management and is the owner of a nice residence property in Pittsburg which he will probably make his future home. Mr. Lutz now lives on Section 9, Monroe township, which has been his home for some thirteen years. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 8, 1860, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Ditmer) Lutz, who are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of their son F. B. Lutz, which appears on another page of this work. They came to Darke county about 1860, and made their home on a farm in Monroe township. They were parents of eight children.

In boyhood John H. Lutz attended the country school in District No. 3, Monroe township, and early began to help with the work on his father's farm. He early developed an ability as a farmer and was an enterprising worker at home. He remained with his father until he was twenty-four years of age,

and on November 9, 1884, married Miss Catherine Binkley, who was born in Montgomery county, January 13, 1861, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mattie (Weller) Binkley. Both her parents were born in Pennsylvania and they were early settlers of Montgomery county, where they were buried. They had ten children, namely: Mattie, wife of Benjamin Frantz, of Clarke county, Pennsylvania; Mrs. John Lutz; Anna, who died about 1908, was the wife of Noah Spitler; one child died in early childhood; Christian, deceased; Jacob, of Miami county; Samuel and Fred, of Montgomery county; Harvey, of Idaho, and Jesse, of Montgomery county. Mrs. Lutz died May 20, 1911, aged fifty years and seven months, being buried in Mote cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren, and was sincerely mourned by her many friends. She bore her husband four children: Edith Estella, born August 19, 1885, wife of Arch Feters, of Montgomery county, has five children—Harvey, Hazel, Leonard, John and Lowell; Jesse Earl, born April 27, 1887, at home with his father; Minnie May, born May 2, 1889, at home with her father; Delbert Claude, born December 23, 1897, also at home.

After marriage Mr. Lutz for sixteen years operated a rented farm one and a half miles south of Pitsburg, where he was most successful, and in 1901 he purchased his present farm of 117 acres, moving thereto and putting up all the improvements except the house. The land is in two tracts, one of eighty acres and one of thirty-seven acres, with a house on each place, as well as other necessary buildings to make two homes, but they cultivate it as one farm. They have some fine stock on the place and raise considerable tobacco. Mr. Lutz is a Republican in politics and his first presidential vote was cast for James G. Blaine. He has been an industrious worker and has helped every worthy cause for the betterment of local conditions, numbering his friends by the score. He is well read and keeps abreast of the times in every way. He has given his children a fair education and interested himself in their welfare and training for useful citizens.

Mr. Lutz was married on August 2, 1913, to Miss Dora V. Cool, a native of Darke county, born October 8, 1882, daughter of Samuel and Maggie B. (Wright) Cool, natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, and now deceased. Mr. Cool was born July 14, 1844, and died September 11, 1911, and his wife was born July 12, 1851, and died September 14, 1883, and both are buried in Mote cemetery. He served in the Civil

War for three years. After the death of Mrs. Cool her children and husband kept up the home, and Miss Dora kept house for her aged father until the time of his demise, caring for him with daughterly solicitude. There were six children in the family: William H., born October 10, 1869, died at the age of eighteen years, in 1887; John E., born February 10, 1871, a resident of Miami county, Ohio; Mary L. died July 31, 1887, aged sixteen years; David L., born August 13, 1875, died September 20, 1887; Samuel B., born December 29, 1877, a resident of Pittsburg; Mrs. Lutz. All except Mrs. Lutz were born in Virginia. Mrs. Lutz is a member of the Brethren Church. She is a charming woman and the home over which she presides is one of refinement and true hospitality.

CHARLES SELLMAN.

Darke county is honored by the life and career of this honored farmer of Neave township. He is a native of Germany, from whence a large number of our thrifty and industrious citizens come, especially those engaged in agricultural pursuits. There seems to be something in the nature of the Teuton that allows the German to adapt himself to conditions in the United States, and rare, indeed, is it found that the natives of the Fatherland do not meet with success. At any rate, Charles Sellman is today one of the substantial men of his community, being the owner of one hundred acres of well-cultivated land located on the Weavers Station road, about seven miles from Greenville. He was born in Germany, October 26, 1847, and is a son of Fred and Minnie Sellman, who came to the United States with their five children, who were as follows: Frederick, Minnie, Louisa, Henry and Charles.

After landing at New York City, the little family migrated to Dayton, Ohio, and thence to Greenville, and in the schools of Greenville township Charles Sellman secured his educational training. The youngest of his father's children, he was brought up to farming, was early taught the lesson that success depends upon industry and steadily applied effort, and that the surest way to a position in public esteem lay over the paths of honesty and honorable dealing. He remained under the parental roof and continued as his father's assistant until reaching the age of twenty years, at which time he em-

barked upon a career of his own, spending three years in agricultural pursuits in Illinois, then worked for a time at the carpenter trade, and spent one year in California, but eventually decided that Darke county offered him better inducements and opportunities than any other section which he had visited.

After returning from California and after being married, Mr. Sellman purchased a farm of forty acres in Brown township, near Ansonia, on which farm he lived for seventeen years.

After clearing and improving this land and putting it under a good state of cultivation, and erecting good buildings, he sold this farm. During these years, through perseverance and industrious labor, he had accumulated enough capital to invest in his present farm in Neave township. This he has brought to a high state of development, using modern methods and most highly improved machinery, and has added materially to the value of the farm by the erection of substantial buildings. He produces excellent crops, and each year sells a number of cattle and hogs to the markets, his livestock always commanding top-notch prices.

Mr. Sellman was married in Greenville township to Miss Sophia Rehmert, daughter of William and Charlotta Rehmert, residents of Darke county, and to this union there have been born seven children, five of whom are living: John, who is a Burroughs Adding Machine inspector for the State of Kentucky, married Adelaide Ross of Louisville, Ky., and has three children, Ross, Charles and Eugene; Elmer, who is a plumber, married Cora Hill of Palestine, Ohio, and has one child, Harvey; Lottie married Harley G. Monks, a prosperous farmer, of Palestine, Ohio, and has two children, Charles and Pauline; Reuben, a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Paul, the youngest, who intends, and promises, to be an up-to-date farmer.

NOAH BAKER.

It is always interesting to watch from the beginning the growth and development of a locality; to note the lines along which marked progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose leadership in the work of advancement and improvement have made possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration. Noah Baker is one of those

who have seen the greater part of the growth of Neave township, for fifty-five years have passed since he first saw the light of day here, and the history of the township has been the same as his own since that time. In the line of agricultural work, Mr. Baker has achieved marked success, and today he is accounted one of the substantial men of his community, being the owner of one hundred and seven acres of fine land on the Greenville and Palestine road, about five miles southwest of Greenville. Mr. Baker was born in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, December 25, 1858, and is a son of George and Susannah (Pitinsberger) Baker. His father, born near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, came to Darke county at an early period, here married, established a home, and engaged in farming, which he followed with marked success throughout the remainder of his career. He was a public-spirited citizen who did much to advance the interests of his community, and bore a high reputation in business circles because of the straightforward and honorable manner in which he carried on his transactions. At his death he left a wide circle of friends to mourn him. Mr. Baker married Susannah Pitinsberger, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary, who is now deceased; Henry, Noah, of this review; Emma, Ellen, Willard, who is now deceased; Samuel, also deceased, and one child who died in infancy.

Noah Baker was given ordinary educational advantages, his entire training in this direction being secured in what was known as the Baker school, located in his home vicinity. This has since been supplemented by keen observation of men and affairs and he is today a very well-informed man. While still attending school he received his introduction to farm work during the summer months and almost as soon as he was large enough to reach the handles he was initiated into the secrets of plowing. It was but natural, then, that he should adopt the occupation of agriculturist on growing to manhood, and when he was twenty-one years of age he commenced renting from his father. Soon, through thrift and industry, he was able to save enough to make his original purchase, and from that time on his success was assured. Today he is known as one of the representative farmers and stockraisers of his community, able to hold his own with all. Mr. Baker follows general farming in all of its varied branches, and uses the most approved modern methods in handling each. He makes a specialty of breeding

pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock, Buff Orpingtons and White Leghorn fowls. He has been content to follow farming and not to enter the struggles of the public arena. His views of the temperance question make him a Prohibitionist in politics, but in this he may be said to be somewhat conservative, as he has never been a bigot in any of the affairs of life. With his family, he faithfully attends religious services at the Church of the Brethren, of which he has long been a liberal contributing member.

Mr. Baker was married to Miss Mary Crumwine, daughter of John and Sarah (Sinks) Crumwine, and to this union there have been born two children: Frank, who married Mamie McCoy, and has one daughter, Madonna, and Ira, unmarried, who lives with his parents and is the capable manager of the home farm.

MADISON WAGNER.

Since the very earliest pioneer days of Darke county the name of Wagner has been closely identified with the agricultural, business and public interests of this part of the State, and members of the family have distinguished themselves in various lines of endeavor here for nearly a century of time. A worthy representative of the name is found in the person of Madison Wagner, of Neave township, one of his community's most progressive and public-spirited men and the owner of one hundred acres of fine land on the New Madison road, about four miles north of New Madison, which he is devoting to general farming and the raising of livestock. Mr. Wagner was born November 4, 1859, on the farm which he now occupies, and is a son of Jonathan and Emmeline (Throp) Wagner.

John Wagner, the great-grandfather of Madison Wagner, was the founder of the family in Darke county, Ohio, bringing his wife and children here in 1816, from Berks county, Pennsylvania, and settling on government land, on which he carried on operations during the remainder of his life. His son, William Wagner, was ten years of age at the time of the migration here, and, following in his father's footsteps, took up the vocation of farming in young manhood and continued to be engaged therein through his active career. He married Elizabeth Bowers, and both passed away in German township. Jonathan Wagner lived through much of the pioneer history of

Darke county, and his youth was passed in the hard, unremitting toil of clearing land from the virgin forest. He was reared to sturdy manhood, possessed of habits of industry and sobriety, and early decided that the occupation of his forefathers was the one in which he would spend his active years. Upon attaining his majority he entered the struggle of life well equipped to fight its battles, and in subsequent years made a decided success of his ventures, accumulating a handsome competency and becoming known as one of the substantial men of his community. He married Miss Emmeline Throp and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Madison, Elizabeth, Herschel, a resident of German township; William, who lives in Montgomery county, this State; Luella, who married a Mr. Haynes; Frank, who is deceased; Hattie, who married a Mr. Thomas and resides in Colorado, and Ed, of Greenville.

Madison Wagner received his education in the Baker Store school, the Lowry school and the White school, one of his teachers being Thomas Brewer, a well-known educator of his day. He worked on the home farm throughout his school period and at the age of twenty-four years began renting land from his father, which he subsequently bought in partnership with his brother. Later he bought the latter's interests and from that time to the present has carried on farming alone. Mr. Wagner has shown himself one of the most enterprising and energetic agriculturists of his township, ever ready to give a trial to innovations which give promise of advancing agricultural work. He has long been an enthusiastic motorist, using his own machine both for pleasure and business purposes and is widely known in automobile circles of the county. However, he has never lost his love for horses, and is still a member of the Horse Thief Association. His religious connection is with the Reformed church, in the work of which he and his family have been active. His political convictions make him a Democrat, and he has served in various official capacities, being trustee of Neave township for eight years and a member of the school board for a long period. His business and social relations have brought him into contact with a large circle of acquaintances, and among them he has many warm friends. His success is most creditable, resulting from well directed and honorable effort, and he well deserves his prosperity and the regard in which he is held.

Mr. Wagner was married September 26, 1888, to Miss Re-

becca Sheets, and three children have been born to this union: Vernon, who is deceased; Earnest, who is assisting his father in the work of the homestead, and Obed, who is attending high school.

DAVID M. HARTMAN.

For forty years the late David M. Hartman was a resident of Darke county, Ohio, and during this long period bore an unsullied reputation, his integrity and honesty gaining for him the unqualified regard and esteem of those with whom he was brought in contact in all walks of life. As a soldier in the Union army when the country was threatened by the forces of secession, he proved himself brave and faithful in the discharge of duty, and when he returned to the ranks of peace he just as faithfully discharged every duty of citizenship, at all times lending active support and co-operation to every movement for the public good.

David M. Hartman was born February 23, 1840, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of John and Susannah (Messinger) Hartman, who never left their Keystone State. David M. was reared to agricultural pursuits, and received ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Pennsylvania, but when twenty-one years of age left the parental roof and came to Ohio, first locating in Greenville, where he secured employment as a farm hand for the McCabe family, early settlers of Darke county. He was thus engaged when the Civil war broke across the country in all its tury, and when President Lincoln made his call for volunteer troops, Mr. Hartman was one of the first to offer his services, joining the Eleventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, among the men who enlisted for a term of three months. At the end of this period he again enlisted, this time becoming a member of the hard-fighting Sixty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and when his term with that organization had expired he veteranized in the Fourth United States cavalry. During the time that he was in the army, Mr. Hartman participated in no less than thirty-four engagements, in addition to marches, skirmishes, etc., a record of which any soldier might be proud. He at all times bore himself with the utmost gallantry and earned the admiration of his comrades and the esteem and regard of his officers. Upon receiving his final honorable dis-

charge, he returned to Palestine, Ohio, where he learned the trade of harnessmaker, and this vocation he followed for some time thereafter in Wabash county, Indiana. Later, however, he returned to agricultural pursuits, in which he continued to be engaged throughout the remainder of his active career. He was successful in his ventures because of industry, energy and perseverance, and accumulated a valuable tract of eighty acres of land, located on the Fort Jefferson road, about three miles from Greenville. There he was engaged in farming and stock-raising at the time of his death, which occurred February 7, 1901. Mr. Hartman had formed a wide acquaintance in Neave township during his long residence here, and in it numbered a number of warm friends. He was a man entirely free from ostentation, was kindly and genial in manner, and was always ready to assist those who had been less fortunate than he. In his death his community lost one of its substantial men.

In 1867 Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jenkinson, daughter of William and Mary (Thompson) Jenkinson, early settlers of Darke county, who came from Pennsylvania. Mr. Hartman was a Democrat in politics, but no politician. He lent his support to all religious and charitable movements, although not a professed member of any church. His widow, who survives him and makes her home on the old place in Neave township, is widely known in this vicinity, and a wide circle of friends hold her in the warmest regard.

DAVID C. FOUREMAN.

A sturdy citizen of Darke county, who has witnessed the wonderful changes and lived through the vital drama that has made this one of the agricultural paradises of the Buckeye State, is David C. Foureman of Van Buren, a citizen who has won his way to success over the difficult selfmade paths, and who today can look back over a wellspent and useful career, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his long years of labor. Mr. Foureman is now the owner of six hundred acres of fine land, located on the old State road, about six miles southeast of Greenville. He was born about four miles east of his present home, on the old Henry Foureman homestead in this township, March 12, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Susannah (Baker) Foureman.

Jonathan Foureman, the grandfather of David C. Foureman, was the founder of the family in Darke county, Ohio, whence he came from Berks county, Pennsylvania, during the administration of John Quincy Adams, and entered six hundred and forty acres of land. Here he spent the remainder of his life in clearing his land and preparing a home for his family, and became one of the solid, substantial men of his community. He was the father of eight children, as follows: Henry, John, Samuel, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Jacob, Joseph, Mrs. Mary Baker and William, all of whom are deceased and buried in Darke county. Henry Foureman was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and attended the schools there until sixteen years of age, at which time he accompanied his parents, brothers and sisters to Darke county, and while here went to a subscription school at Ithaca and a district school in Van Buren township, both of these being held in old log buildings. He assisted his father and brothers to clear the home farm, and worked with his father until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time, in recognition of his faithful services, the elder man gave him one hundred and sixty acres, located in section thirty five, in the southeast corner of Van Buren township. To this he added several acres, and later purchased one hundred and sixty acres to the north, and on this property the rest of his active years were spent, but at the time of his retirement he went to Arcanum, Ohio, and there he and his wife both passed away. They were laid to rest in Abbottsville cemetery.

David C. Foureman spent his entire school period in district No. 6, known as the Foureman school, and in the meantime spent the summer months in working on the homestead place. At the age of twenty-one years he received eighty acres of land in section twenty-six, and to this he subsequently added one hundred acres in section fourteen, but later sold both of these tracts and went back to the old homestead. There he remained twelve years, but in 1894 bought one hundred and sixty-one acres of land where he now resides, and to this he has since continued to add until he now has six hundred acres. He has shown himself skilled in all branches of agricultural work, and is a business man of far more than ordinary ability, but at this time is living somewhat retired, feeling that he has earned a rest from his years of strenuous endeavor. He is a most public-spirited and enterprising man. He was reared in a Republican cradle and has been faithful to the principles advocated by that party ever since he became a voter. As one of

his locality's most capable and influential men he has been called upon to fill positions of trust and responsibility, having been a member of the school board for fourteen years, trustee of the school board for three years, and a member of the board of trustees of Van Buren township for twelve years, and in all of these capacities has shown himself possessed of high ideals of citizenship and public service. He is not a professed member of any church, but gives his support to worthy religious and charitable movements.

On October 14, 1866, Mr. Foureman was married to Miss Eliza Unger, daughter of George and Sarah (Merkley) Unger, who came to Darke county, Ohio, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, with their four children: Isaac, John, Eliza and Manda, the last named deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Foureman there have been born the following children: Sarah, deceased, who married Albert Foureman and had four children, Word-sell, Ruby, Jesse and Irena; Isaac, who is deceased; Susannah, deceased, who married Frank Michel and had two children, Estella and Eliza; Amanda, deceased, who married W. Byers, and has four children: Flossie, Ruth, Ralph, and Sadie; Delilah, who married James Allread, and had three children, Archie, Harley and Amal; Lydia, who married John Judy, and had three children, Leonard, Herbert and Raymond; Anna, who married Willis Davis, and has four children, Mildred, Herman, Robert and Everett; Harlus, who married Diana Townsend, and has three children, Melvin, Treven and Pement;; Charles, who married Opal Reigle and has three children, Pauline, Helen and Dorothy; Pharon, who married Blanche Dines and has two children, Ward and Martha; Worley married Iva Burns. There are twenty-eight grandchildren in this family, and all except three are living in Darke county.

BERT HUNT.

Probably there can be no more satisfactory business connection than that which exists between father and sons. The older man's experience and hard-earned knowledge, added to the enthusiasm and progressive ideas of youth, produce a combination that is one hard to defeat, and some of Darke county's most successful partnerships are thus composed. There is no exception to this rule in the field of agriculture, and an ex-

ample of success gained by father and sons is found in Neave township, where Washington Hunt and his two sons, Bert and Ralph Hunt, have carried on farming and stockraising for a number of years. Bert Hunt, the direct subject of this review, is known as one of the youngest stock buyers and shippers of the county, and at this time is operating three hundred and eighty-six acres of excellent land on the Eaton turnpike, opposite the poor farm in Neave township. He was born northwest of Greenville, near Weimer's grist mill, on the Union City pike May 21, 1880, and is a son of Washington and Mary (Snyder) Hunt. The father, a native of St. Louis, Mo., was brought to the northern part of Darke county, Ohio, when still a lad, and was here reared and educated, and has since spent his life in tilling the soil and in raising valuable livestock. He and his wife have been the parents of eight children, as follows: Jesse, Nettie and an infant, all of whom are deceased; Bert, of this review; Ralph, who is in partnership with his father and brother; Ada, who is now the wife of Orville McEowen, and Clara and Ed, who live at home with their parents.

Bert Hunt received the greater part of his education in the country schools, commencing at the Sugar Valley school house and ending at the Pewee school in Neave township. He was thoroughly trained from earliest youth in the numerous subjects which it is necessary for the successful farmer to know, and even as a lad showed himself an excellent judge of cattle and other livestock. Accordingly, when only sixteen years of age he was admitted to full partnership with his father, and when his younger brother reached that age he also was taken as a partner, this connection having since proved a most satisfactory one in every particular. The extent of the stock business built up by this firm may be seen, when it is known that about one hundred and fifty to three hundred head of cattle are kept on hand all the time, and that in addition to this great numbers of hogs are shipped annually. Mr. Hunt, it would seem, is an extremely busy young man with these large interests under his control, yet he has found time to take an active and helpful interest in all matters that pertain to the welfare of his township and county, and no movement is considered complete that does not have his co-operation and support. A man of genial personality, loyal to his word and sincere in his friendships, he is popular all over this section and few men are better known. In politics he has allied himself

with the new progressive party. A friend of education, he has served for some time as a member of the school board.

On August 22, 1903, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Rose Suter, daughter of John and Lizzie (Smallenberger) Suter, and to this union there have been born five children: Hildred, John, Carl, Washington, Jr., and an infant.

MURRAY WILLIS DAVIS.

In naming the representative citizens of any community, it is almost invariably found that among the most important and influential are men who embarked upon their careers with little or no advantages, either of an educational or financial nature, and have worked their way to position and affluence through the medium of their own unflagging industry and indomitable spirit. It would be difficult, perhaps, to find a better example of this class of self-made men than Murray Willis Davis, of Van Buren township, who several years ago was starting his battle with life with little more than willing hands and a sturdy heart, combined with a firm determination to succeed, and who today is the renter of one hundred and twenty-three acres of fine land on the Miller road.

Mr. Davis was born April 16, 1870, in Newton township, Miami county, Ohio, and is a son of William L. and Mahala (Hay) Davis. His father, who was born and reared near Pattysville, passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits and became one of the substantial landowners of his community. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Minnie, who became the wife of a Mr. Stump; Jennie, who married a Mr. Hinchaw; Della, who married a Mr. Nye; Anna, who became the wife of a Mr. Dille; Frank, who is deceased, died in the State of Arkansas in the year 1879, aged five years.

Murray Willis Davis, who is, perhaps, better known as Willis Davis, secured his educational training in the public schools of Pattysville, and in the meantime was thoroughly trained in agricultural pursuits on his grandfather's farm. At the age of twenty-two years he left the parental roof and secured employment by the month on the Foureman family farm, in Van Buren township, where his sister resided, and continued to be thus occupied until his marriage, when he moved to his present farm. Mr Davis' subsequent career has been

one of continuous advancement, his sturdy self-reliance and skill as a farmer and stockraiser gaining him a full measure of success in his chosen field of endeavor. He has added to his property from time to time, and has made it more valuable by the erection of good buildings and various other modern improvements. He is known as a business man of acumen and foresight, able to grasp any recognized opportunity and to make the most of it, but also a man of the strictest business integrity. He has won many friends through his straightforward manner of handling his affairs, while his good citizenship has never been doubted. The greater part of his time is being devoted to the raising of grain, but other branches of farm work are also being taken care of, and in all departments a full measure of success is being attained. In political matters Mr. Davis is a Republican, but he has been too busily engaged in his agricultural operations to enter political life as a seeker for public preferment. With his family he gives his support to religious and charitable movements.

On September 19, 1897, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Anna Foureman, daughter of David C. and Eliza (Unger) Foureman, of Van Buren township, whose review will be found in another part of this work. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis: Mildred, Herman, Robert and Everett.

JAMES R. KNUPP.

James R. Knupp has established a good business in Greenville, Darke county, through business enterprise and integrity, and has won the esteem of his fellow citizens in a gratifying degree. He and his father-in-law conduct a high-class garage and shop at the corner of Third and Walnut streets, and have built all the taxicabs operated in the streets of Greenville. They have also rebuilt a great many cars, and in this work have a high reputation. The firm has been established for about five years and has been successful from the start, at the present time operating the largest garage in the county.

Mr. Knupp was born at Thomasboro, Illinois, March 11, 1880, son of Samuel P. and Louisa (Mendenhall) Knupp, the father born in Virginia in 1851 and now a resident of Sidney, Ohio. Samuel P. Knupp went to Illinois when he was about

fifteen years of age and made his home in that state until about 1904, when he came to Ohio. He is a machinist by trade. His wife was born at Woodington, Ohio, in 1853, and died in 1907, at Dayton, Ohio, where she is buried. Their fourteen children were born in Illinois and ten of them reached maturity: Lydia, wife of O. E. Ashmore, of Dayton; Fannie, deceased, wife of Lew Clark, died in Illinois; Eva, wife of C. J. Bullington, of Tiskilwa, Illinois; James, of this sketch; Mary, wife of John Judd, died at Springfield, Illinois; Anna, wife of Claude Ryder, of Dayton; Erva and Ervin, twins, of whom Erva married Elmer Brandenburg, and lives in the west, and Ervin married Lottie Aldrich and resides at Sidney, Ohio; Samuel, of Sidney, married Clara Kinsey, of Illinois; Glenn, at home.

Mr. Knupp received a common-school education in the town of Mansfield, Illinois, and then learned the machinist's trade with his father, who conducted a machine shop. Later he spent four years in the employ of the Seybold Machine Company, of Dayton, Ohio; three years with the Stoddard-Dayton Automobile Company, and for about four years afterwards was foreman in the motor department of the Penn Automobile Company, at Philadelphia. In June, 1909, he and Mr. Wolfe established their present business in Greenville. Both are enterprising and progressive in their methods and they have many good friends in Darke county, although they are comparatively recent comers to Greenville. The quality of their product is well known in the surrounding country and their customers come to them with the assurance that they will receive the best class of work in every particular. Both are experienced mechanics and largely self-made men. Mr. Knupp is a Republican in politics and cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley. He is active in various local affairs and is now serving as treasurer of the Good Roads and Automobile Club. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks and he is well known for his geniality and pleasant manner.

On December 19, 1900, Mr. Knupp was united in marriage with Miss Sadie Wolfe, born at Ithaca, Darke county, in 1880, daughter of Daniel and Emma (Black) Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe was born in Darke county and is fifty-five years of age. When his daughter Sadie was about six years old the Wolfe family moved to Illinois, where they lived some twenty years and

then came back to Darke county. Mrs. Wolfe is also a native of Darke county and is near the same age as her husband. They reside in Greenville and their only child is Mrs. Knupp. Two sons have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Knupp, both born in Dayton: Ralph W., born October 26, 1901, and James Dwight, October 19, 1903, both attending school. Mrs. Knupp is a pleasant, refined woman and they have a comfortable home at 441 Locust street. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. The children are bright and promising and a credit to their parents. Mr. Knupp's interests are identified with Greenville and Darke county and he is ready to work for any cause he believes is for the general good of the community. It is such enterprising, public-spirited men who form the bulwark of the nation and make for its progress and prosperity.

SYLVESTER A. MEYERS.

Through a residence of more than forty-five years in Darke county, Sylvester A. Meyers has become known to his fellow townsmen as a man who can be trusted at all times and in all places—one who is honorable in business affairs, loyal to the highest principles of citizenship and faithful in his friendships. The success he has gained in life has been well earned, for he lost his father when he was eight years old, and much of his boyhood was spent in hard, unremitting toil. To-day, however, he can look back over a useful life, and as the owner of a fine farm of eighty-seven acres, located about six miles from Greenville, in Neave township, he is known as one of his community's substantial men. Mr. Meyers was born on the farm which he is now operating, March 20, 1868, and is a son of William and Lydia (Tillman) Meyers, who came to Neave township from near Arcanum, Ohio. There was one other child in the family, Edwin, who now resides at New Madison, Darke county.

Sylvester A. Meyers attended district No. 4 school in Neave township, now known as special No. 5, but his educational advantages were somewhat limited, owing to the fact that his father died when he was still a lad and it was necessary that he help as much as possible in carrying on the operation of the home farm. It was necessary that he practice habits of in-

dustry and economy in his youth and these have since proven important factors in his success. At about the age of eighteen years, he was given the management of the farm, having proved his capability, and he has since continued to operate it with a full measure of success. His land is splendidly improved, the great fields of waving grain giving evidence of his careful supervision and industry, while the buildings are large and substantial and kept in the best of repair. Mr. Meyers also raises fine stock and has engaged in shipping cattle and hogs for some years, and his well managed business affairs have brought him a very desirable competence. Mr. Meyers' mother, who still survives, makes her home with her son and is one of the well-known and greatly beloved old ladies of the township. On September 1, 1891, Mr. Meyers was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Jenkinson, of Darke county, and to them there have been born ten children: Mabel, who is the wife of Clyde Drake: Opal, Juna, Ruth, William, Frank, Charles, Samuel, Mary and Paul. The children have all been given good educational advantages, have been reared to lives of industry and honesty, and fitted for whatever positions they may be called upon to fill. Although Mr. Meyers is not affiliated with any particular church, he supports liberally all worthy religious and charitable movements, and has ever been ready to lend a helping hand to the unfortunate. In politics, he is a stalwart supporter of Democratic principles and candidates, and has been honored by election to the office of township trustee of Neave township, in which he has rendered excellent service for a period of six years. His useful career is one well worthy of emulation by those of the younger generation.

ISAAC M. ROSS.

The record of men who have gained success in their chosen fields of endeavor needs no introductory preface among the citizens of their native county, and the gentleman who is the subject of this review is undoubtedly a member of the class just referred to. By his strict personal integrity and honorable dealings, combined with brilliant business qualifications, this honored veteran of the great Civil war has become one of the leading citizens of German township. Now, in the evening of life, he may look back over wellspent years, surrounded by his family and friends, enjoying the comforts of retirement in his

pleasant home on the Ross gravel pike, one mile east of Palestine. Mr. Ross was born August 25, 1841, on his present farm, and is a son of Robert S. and Maria (Mitchell) Ross.

Henry and Sarah (Cook) Ross, the paternal grandparents of Isaac M. Ross, belonged to the first families of Virginia, and migrated to Darke county in 1817, after a short stay in Franklin county. The grandfather settled on a farm in section twenty-four, German township, here cultivated a farm, reared his family, and became one of the substantial men of his community. Robert S. Ross was three years of age when he was brought to Darke county by his parents, and here he received his education in the public schools and was reared to agricultural pursuits. After his father's death he bought the interest of the other heirs in the homestead, and this he continued to cultivate throughout the remainder of his life. Mr. Ross married Maria Mitchell, daughter of Robert Mitchell, a soldier of the war of 1812, and granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and they became the parents of twelve children, as follows: Josiah, a Union soldier during the Civil war, who died on the field of battle while fighting with Company H., One Hundred Fifty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry; Isaac M., of this review; J. S., a veteran of the Civil war, who was wounded in battle at Liberty, Va., and is now a resident of Arkansas City, Kan.; Mary, who married Mr. Wenger and now lives at New Carlisle, Ind.; Charlotte, who married Mr. Wheeler and is now deceased; Rebecca O., the widow of Mr. Berry; David, a resident of Rossberg, Ohio; Amanda, who married Mr. Herculin and lives at Leesville, Ohio; Robert W., a resident of Allen township, Darke county; Sarah C., who is deceased; Jane, who married Mr. Francis, and resides at Columbus, Ohio, and William T., a resident of British Columbia.

Isaac M. Ross attended district school No. 8, in German township, and was engaged in assisting his father and brothers in the work of the home farm at the outbreak of the Civil war. At that time, with his brothers and a number of other young men of his neighborhood, he offered his services to the government for duty in the ranks of the blue, and being accepted was assigned to the Forty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After the expiration of his term with that organization, he re-enlisted, becoming a member of the Eighth regiment, Ohio volunteer cavalry, and in all his service covered four years, he being connected with the Army of the Po-

tomac, under Cols. A. S. Gilbert of the infantry, and Colonel Moore of the cavalry, and Colonel Owens of the regular army. For a time he was in the command of General Crook, who distinguished himself at South Mountain, Antietam, Chickamauga and Appomattox and after the war achieved celebrity in campaigns against the Indians as commander of the districts of Idaho and Arizona. Mr. Ross saw an active service. On one occasion he was wounded when a bullet struck a rock in front of him and the fragments flew in his face, and he also had several other narrow escapes. Among his more prominent engagements were Lewisburg, Va.; Siege of Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, Liberty, Va., where his brother was wounded; Lynchburg, and Beverly, Va., the latter being a hand-to-hand struggle, in which Mr. Ross was captured five times by the enemy before breakfast and escaped as many times. Upon the conclusion of a brave and faithful service, Mr. Ross returned to his home and again took up the duties of citizenship. He completed his education in the schools of Palestine, and then resumed agricultural work, in which he continued until advancing years and a well-earned competence caused his retirement. During his active years he was known as one of the skilled agriculturists and good judges of stock of his township, and he still takes a keen interest in the progress and advancement of agricultural work. He still maintains his pleasant home in German township, but spends his winter months at Zephyr Hills, Fla., where he has a commodious residence.

On March 23, 1867, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Eliza Jane Peden, daughter of Gibson and Phoebe (Wright) Peden. Mrs. Ross was born at Hollansburg, Darke county, Ohio, September 15, 1845, and died September 5, 1908, at the homestead in German township. She was an active member of the Hollansburg Christian church, did much for charity, and was generally beloved by those who knew her. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross: Ida Mae and Herschel M. The former married J. J. Ross, of another family, and had four children, the oldest among whom, Claude, graduated from an Indiana high school, spent two years in study in Delaware, and is now preparing for the Christian ministry. Herschel M. Ross was educated at Ada, Ohio, where he took a classical course. He is now engaged in farming in German township, with his home at Palestine, and is known as one of the progressive and enterprising young agriculturists of this section.

HERSCHEL A. WAGNER.

For four generations, a period covering nearly ninety years, Oak Valley farm, located in German township, has been the property of the family of Wagner, whose representatives during this period have been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Darke county. The present owner, Herschel A. Wagner, is a man of prominence and influence in his community, where he has long been known as a friend of progress and advancement. He was born January 30, 1863, on the old Wagner home place in Neave township, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Jonathan and Emmeline (Throp) Wagner.

John Wagner (or Waggoner, as the name was then spelled), the great-grandfather of Herschel A. Wagner, was the founder of the family in Darke county, Ohio, bringing his family here in 1816, from Berks county, Pennsylvania, and settling on government land, although it was not until 1825 that he entered this land, the deed for which, dated August 12th of that year, is now owned by Herschel A. Wagner. John Wagner continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits in German township throughout the remainder of his life and was known as one of his community's substantial men. His son, William Wagner, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was ten years of age at the time the family migrated to Darke county, Ohio, where he likewise was a lifelong farmer. He married Elizabeth Browsers, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and both died in German township. Jonathan Wagner, son of William Wagner, and father of Herschel A. Wagner, lived through much of the pioneer history of Darke county, and his youth was passed in the hard, unrelenting toil of clearing and improving land. He early adopted the vocation of farmer as his life work, and upon attaining his majority entered upon his career well fitted to rely absolutely upon his own ability, in subsequent years making a decided success of his ventures and accumulating a handsome competency. He married Miss Emmeline Throp and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Madison, who is engaged in farming in Neave township; Herschel A., of this review; William, who lives in Montgomery county, Ohio; Luella, who married a Mr. Haynes; Frank, who is deceased; Hattie, who married a Mr. Thomas and resides in Colorado, and Ed, a resident of Greenville.

Herschel A. Wagner received his education in the Neave

township schools and those of German township, and was reared to become an agriculturist, a vocation which he adopted immediately upon reaching manhood. At the age of twenty-one years he began renting land from his father and continued as a renter until, by industry, thrift and good management, he had accumulated enough to purchase the old original homestead, upon which he has since continued to make his home. A typical, hard-working, self-made man, his success in life is well-merited, and his ready willingness to help others has made him well liked and respected by those who have come in contact with him, either in business or social life. He has made numerous improvements of a modern character on his property, and his residence is one of the beautiful dwellings of the township. Although he carries on general farming, he makes somewhat of a specialty of raising corn, in which he has met with excellent success, and for a hobby does much in raising Duroc swine. His views upon the temperance question make him an ardent Prohibitionist, and he takes a lively interest in any enterprise for the welfare of his community, being recognized as a public-spirited citizen in every way.

On October 26, 1889, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Lou Baird, daughter of Andrew and Miranda (Collett) Baird, residents of Neave township. Andrew Baird was born in Warren county, Ohio, and came to Darke county in young manhood, subsequently serving in the Civil war, becoming prominent in Republican politics, and achieving success in business life. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner: Carl B., aged twenty-two years, who is now managing his father's property, and Edith, who is the wife of Walter Bratchie.

MRS. H. K. SCHOPP.

Mrs. Hildegard (Koeberlin) Schopp, widow of Colonel J. Schopp, is a woman of independent thought and action, and although naturally of a retiring, modest disposition, is ready to give her earnest support to any movement for the general good. Hildegard Koeberlin was born at Ironton, Ohio, daughter of Reverend Constantine Koeberlin, who presided over the Lutheran church at Greenville from 1869 to 1876. Both parents were natives of Germany and are deceased. Rev. Koeberlin is remembered by the older residents of Greenville as an earnest worker for the church and an upright citizen.

He and his wife had two children, Mrs. Schopp and another daughter, Miss Amelia, for a number of years a teacher in Greenville public schools. The Koeberlin family has been identified with church work in Germany for many generations; in fact, some member has been in religious work since the time of the Reformation.

Mrs. Schopp received her education in Illinois and Ohio, attending the public schools of St. Clair county, Illinois, and of Greenville, Ohio, which was supplemented by a course in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was married April 15, 1891, to Colonel Philip J. Schopp. Mr. Schopp enlisted for services in the Union Army and served as Captain, Adjutant-General and later Colonel of his regiment, the Seventy-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers. After he passed away he was buried with full military honors, conducted by Jobes Post, G. A. R. He was well known and had many warm friends. By occupation he was a civil engineer, a member of the U. S. surveying corps.

Mrs. Schopp is a member of the Civil League of Greenville and has served as chairman of the Children's Auxiliary of this association, a worthy cause. She is broad and progressive in her views and of a practical turn of mind, making her influence strongly felt wherever she enlists it. She belongs to the Sorosis Club, a literary society and to church missionary and other societies. Her greatest joy is found in doing for others and she is interested in everything affecting the general progress of the county or state. She is well read and keeps up with the times in regard to general affairs and public issues. She has the happy faculty of making friends with young and old alike and enjoys the full confidence of her associates. She is quiet and dignified in manner, but easy of approach and very friendly in disposition. She has a pleasant home at 423 West Third street.

SAMUEL F. METZCAR.

Numbered among the men who are maintaining Darke county's supremacy in the field of agriculture is found Samuel F. Metzcar, of German township, who for many years has carried on farming and stockraising and is now living a somewhat retired life on his eighty-acre farm, located about one and one-half miles from Palestine. He is a native of this county,

having been born on his father's farm in Wayne township, in 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Puterbaugh) Metzcar.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Metzcar, Jacob and Barbara (Graymire) Metzcar, came from the vicinity of Xenia, in Greene county, Ohio, during the administration of President John Quincy Adams, the grandfather entering eighty acres of land in the uncultivated region of Wayne township. There he passed the remainder of his life in making a home for his family, and died in advanced years, the owner of a valuable property. His son, Jacob, the father of Samuel F. Metzcar, was born in Greene county, Ohio, and was a lad when he came with the family to Darke county. He was reared to farming, and at the time of his father's death inherited the homestead, known as the old Murphy farm, this being the scene of his activities throughout the remainder of his life. He did not enter actively into public life, being content to follow the pursuits of tilling the soil, but was nevertheless known as a good citizen and one who had the interests of his community at heart. Jacob and Elizabeth (Puterbaugh) Metzcar were the parents of eleven children: Lavina, who married a Mr. Harper; Mary A., who became the wife of Mr. English; John, who enlisted during the Civil war in Company E, Fortieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and died of small-pox at Shields Mills, Eastern Tennessee, when only seventeen years of age; Charlotte, deceased, who was the wife of a Mr. Browder; four children who died in infancy; Samuel F., of this review; Barbara, who married a Mr. Penny, and Jacob W.

The district schools of Neave and Patterson townships furnished Samuel F. Metzcar with ordinary educational advantages, and as a youth he assisted his father and brothers in the work of the home place. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed at various times for short periods, but the greater part of his attention has been devoted to farming, which occupation has been the medium through which he has achieved his success. About the time of his marriage, he began operations on his own account, and he is now the owner of a good farm of eighty acres in German township, on which are found all modern and substantial improvements. He has given close application to his farming and stockraising interests, but of late years has turned the heavier work of his land over to younger hands, feeling that he is entitled to a rest after his years of strenuous endeavor.

Mr. Metzcar was married in 1878 to Miss Milandi Ballinger, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Hassafaos) Ballinger, and to this union there have been born five children: Orlando, who married Ada Hill; Doilard, who married Dona Sawade and has two children; Bessie, who married Clifford Carpenter, and has six children, Dwight, Knoll, Alberta, Florence, Marvin and one deceased; Mabel, who is single and lives with her parents, and Lottie also single, a teacher in the Normal school. Mr. Metzcar is independent in his political views, exercising his prerogative of voting rather for the man than the party. He is a supporter of all worthy charitable and religious movements. He enjoys the companionship of his fellow men, and is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed through all the chairs and represented his lodge, No. 652, Palestine, in the Grand Lodge of the State. He also holds membership in the Grange and the Horse Thief Association. As a farmer and stockraiser Mr. Metzcar has exercised excellent ability in the management of his affairs and has thereby acquired a competence that enables him to provide a comfortable living for himself and his family. He has ever been known to be reliable in all trade transactions, so that he has won the confidence and good will of his fellowmen, as evidenced by the fact, that in 1907 he was elected justice of the peace, which position he has held continually since.

HORACE B. KERST.

Many of the agriculturists of the younger generation are carrying on operations on the farms on which they were born, and with the conditions and possibilities of which, accordingly, they are thoroughly familiar. These are the men who are progressively carrying forward the development commenced by their fathers, and which has changed Darke county from a wild and unproductive waste into one of the garden spots of the Buckeye State. The owner of a handsome tract of one hundred and fifty acres of land in Greenville township, three miles northeast of Palestine, Horace B. Kerst has resided on this property all of his life and is known as one of his community's most energetic and enterprising farmers. Like many of the more progressive men of his locality, he has devoted his energies to specializing, his specialty being the raising of live-

stock, in which he has met with well-merited success. Mr. Kerst was born June 16, 1882, in the old family homestead in Greenville township, and is a son of Morgan and Cynthia (Diveley) Kerst.

The Kerst family has been known in Darke county since pioneer days, the progenitor being the grandfather of Mr. Kerst, Samuel Kerst, who married a Miss Moyer and came to this section from Berks county, Pennsylvania. Morgan Kerst was born at Bakers Store, a small hamlet of this county, and was a farmer and stockraiser throughout his life, his earnest and well-directed efforts gaining him a handsome competency, while his good citizenship at all times assured him a high place in public esteem. Mr. Kerst married Cynthia Diveley, of Darke county, and they became the parents of the following children: Anna and Georgia, who are deceased; Stella, who married Mr. O'Brien; Wilber, Horace B., and one child who died in infancy.

Horace B. Kerst may be truly termed a self-made man, for he started out in life without capital, and through his industry and perseverance has steadily advanced as the years have gone by until he is now numbered among the leading and influential men of his community. He received his education in the country schools, in the meantime assisting his father in cultivating the fields of the homestead farm, and when he reached years of maturity adopted the vocation of agriculturist for his field of endeavor. In order to secure capital with which to pursue his chosen occupation, he rented land for some years and carefully saved his earnings, with the result that he was soon able to invest in his original piece of property. That he has prospered in his venture is indicated by the fact that he today owns a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty acres, the property being improved with good buildings and a nice home, which is supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories. He is carrying on general farming, following the most practical and progressive methods in the cultivation of his fields, so that he is meeting with a most gratifying success. For about ten years he has been interested in breeding Duroc hogs, and his success in this line encouraged him to experiment with cattle, and he is at this time shipping a large number of stock to the markets. In addition he is the owner of a number of blooded jacks and a fine Belgian horse, which he keeps for breeding purposes. Mr. Kerst is a member of the Horse Thief Association, a local protective organization. In political mat-

ters he is a **progressive** Republican, and in community affairs he **takes** an active and helpful part and his labors have been directly **beneficial** and far-reaching. He has made for himself an honored place in business circles, and his signature bears weight on **commercial paper**.

On December 16, 1912, Mr. Kerst was married to Miss Cressie Henry, daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Bell) Henry, the latter of whom is deceased, while the former is a resident of Castine, Ohio.

ED SHAFER.

Ed Shafer, clerk of Darke county courts, is a young man of promise, progressive and earnest in his thoughts and ideas, and well fitted by nature and training for the responsible position he fills. He has the full confidence of his fellowmen throughout the county and stands well with all classes. He is a native of Richland township, Darke county, born February 27, 1881, a son of John C. and Rachel (Earhart) Shafer, also natives of Darke county. John C. Shafer was born in Richland township May 13, 1858, and was a farmer by occupation, having now retired from active life. His wife was born in Greenville township, March 17, 1861. They now live in Greenville, the father having retired from active life. They had two children, Ed, the elder, and one daughter, Bessie, at home.

Mr. Shafer attended the rural schools and his first work after leaving school was assisting in the work of the home farm. He continued until his marriage, October 16, 1904, to Miss Bertha Kley, who was born in Wayne township, Darke county, April 17, 1884, and died September 10, 1912, being buried in Greenville Cemetery. She was the daughter of Lewis and Hulda (Taylor) Kley. Mr. Kley was born in Cammerforst, Germany, September 17, 1832, and Mrs. Kley, who was born in Wayne township, August 11, 1829, near Versailles, Darke county, Ohio, died April 29, 1913. He still resides in Wayne township. They had six children, three of whom survive: Salem, of Wayne township; Anna, wife of Ed Williams, of Versailles, Ohio; Charles, of Wayne township; three who are deceased, including Mrs. Shafer. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer had one child, a daughter, Ruth Vivian, born September 22, 1911, who lives with her father's parents,

where he also now makes his home. Mrs. Shafer was a devoted member of the Christian church in Versailles and Mr. Shafer belongs to the church of the same denomination in Greenville. Mr. Shafer had lived in Greenville from March until October, before his marriage, and continued his residence there until after their marriage and there made many friends in various circles. Mrs. Shafer was a charming young woman and her death was a sad loss to her family and friends.

For five years after locating in Greenville Mr. Shafer was employed as a traveling salesman for the firm of A. G. Keighley, wholesale dealers in confectionery. In August, 1909, Mr. Shafer was appointed deputy clerk of the courts, serving until August, 1913, when, having been elected the preceding November to his present office of clerk of the courts, he began filling that position, which continues to August 1, 1915. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for William J. Bryan in 1904. He is well known fraternally, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge of Masons at Greenville. He is Past Chancellor Commander in the Knights of Pythias, belongs to the Knights of Karsassons of Sidney, Ohio, and for three years served as secretary of the United Commercial Travellers of America, Royal Council No. 270, and has also served as Page of this society. He is well liked and popular and makes friends easily, wherever he goes. He is fond of reading and good literature and is well informed on the questions of the day. He is looked upon as a representative citizen who may be counted upon to do his share for the good of the community.

DAVID ROSS.

David Ross is one of the self-made men of Darke county. No fortunate family or pecuniary advantages aided him at the outset of his career. On the contrary he started out to earn his own living when still but a boy and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources. Obstacles and difficulties have confronted him, but these he has overcome by determined effort, and, as the years have passed, he has worked his way steadily upward until today he finds himself in an independent position, the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land located on the Ross gravel road, about one and one-half

miles northwest of Palestine, and an influential and widely known citizen of German township. A native of Darke county, having been born on the farm which he now occupies, August 2, 1852, Mr. Ross is a son of Elias and Rebecca (Furry) Ross.

The Ross family originated in Scotland, from which country in young manhood came Henry Ross, the grandfather of David Ross. The progenitor settled first in Pennsylvania, from whence he subsequently moved to Franklin county, Ohio, and finally to Darke county, where he passed the remaining years of his life on a farm. Elias Ross was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on Darby Creek, in the vicinity of the city of Columbus, in 1811, and was six years of age when brought to Darke county by his parents. Here he was reared amid pioneer surroundings, experiencing all of the hardships and privations of early life in the uncultivated country and obtaining an indifferent education in the local subscription school held in log cabins. He was engaged in farming during all the years of his active life and accumulated means, being known as an industrious and thrifty citizen. He was married (first) to Miss Lucy Chapman, and they became the parents of four children: Francis, Van Enoch, Solomon and Rachael, of whom Solomon is the only survivor. Mr. Ross married (second) Miss Rebecca Furry, she was born in Berks county Pennsylvania, August 24, 1822, moved to Dayton, Ohio when eight years old and shortly after to Germantown, Ohio, where she worked in a hotel until eighteen years of age, when she married John Souders. Three children were born of the union. Mr. Souders died and she married Elias Ross in October, 1851, who was then living on his farm in German township, now owned by the subject of this sketch. Six children were born of this union, three of whom died in infancy; David Wesley, who is deceased; Della, who married Mr. Harter; Benjamin, Jonathan and Maria.

David Ross was furnished his literary training in the public schools of Palestine, upon leaving which he began to be self-supporting as a laborer in the woods of German township, and continued to be thus engaged until he was able to acquire some land, when he concentrated all of his energies upon tilling the soil. Determined purpose and unfaltering perseverance have characterized his entire life, and he stands today a strong man, strong in his honor, in his name and in his success. His farm shows the beneficial results to be obtained from intelligent treatment of the land and good management,

and his improvements are of substantial character and modern design. Mr. Ross is known in fraternal circles as a popular member of Palestine Lodge No. 652, Knights of Pythias, where he is highly esteemed as one whose sterling qualities are in harmony with the principles of the order. He is a stalwart Republican in his political views, and while his business interests leave him but little time for political work, he nevertheless staunchly supports the principles which constitute the platform of the organization. His religious connection is with the United Brethren church, in the work of which he has been active.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Phoebe Wilson, daughter of Eli Wilson, and a cousin of the editor of this work. A review of the Wilson family may be found in the sketch of Frazier Wilson, on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have two children: Jesse A., who married Belle Perry and has two children, Louise and Charles; and Hazel, who married Riley Dininger.

Mrs. Ross, the faithful and devoted wife, died December 17, 1913, and her remains were buried in the village cemetery at Palestine, Ohio.

RUFUS MOORE.

The utilization of the splendid soil and desirable climatic conditions of this section of the State has brought Darke to the forefront among the agricultural counties and among its most successful men are those who have devoted their lives to farming. To this class undoubtedly belongs Rufus Moore, of German township, a business man of marked enterprise and keen discernment, who in the careful control of his interests has gained a place among the substantial residents of his locality. His energies have at all times been concentrated on the tilling of the soil, and today he finds himself the owner of one hundred acres of highly-cultivated land, located on the Weavers Station and Arley turnpike.

Mr. Moore is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born October 2, 1843, in the vicinity of Richmond, Wayne county, and is a son of Alfred and Rebecca (Druley) Moore, and a grandson of John Moore, a South Carolinian by birth, who migrated to Ohio among the pioneers of the State. Alfred Moore was also born in Wayne county, where his life was

passed in agricultural pursuits, his labors being rewarded by marked success. He was also a Dunkard minister of the old order, and a man of far-reaching influence in the community in which he resided. For a number of years he made his home at Hollansburg, Darke county, and there both he and his wife passed away, in the faith of the church of which they had been members for so many years. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Rufus, of this review; Albert, Emmett, a resident of Hagerstown, Ind.; Jennie, Etta, John, who is now deceased; Charles, Lizzie, who is also deceased; Walter, and Emma, who is the widow of Mr. Witter.

Following the usual custom of farmers' boys of his day and locality, Rufus Moore divided his boyhood between attending the public schools in the vicinity of his home in the winter months and assisting his father with the farm work during the rest of the year. As a youth he chose farming for his life's vocation, and when he came of age entered upon a career of his own, which has since been marked by steady advancement and worthy achievement. His present farm is conceded to be one of the most valuable and highly cultivated of the township, its high development being due to Mr. Moore's constant industry, and his strict adherence to the highest ideals of business has given him an enviable reputation for integrity and probity among those with whom he has had transactions. While private interests have claimed much of his time and attention, he has also found opportunity for the advancement of public interests, and no citizen has the welfare of his community more deeply at heart.

Mr. Moore was married December 24, 1876, to Miss Mary E. Ensley, daughter of James Ensley of Wayne county, Indiana, and to this union there have been born six children: Jesse, who married Orlie Ketring, had two children, Aletria and Roy, is deceased; Etta, who married William Rush, and has two children, Eugene and Bert; Walter, who married Esther Brown, and has three children, Guy, Mildred and Irene; Carl who was married December 17, 1913, to Miss Mary White of Whitewater, Ind., is at home and assists in the management of the homestead, and Clarence and Bertha, who are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are consistent members of the Christian church, and have always taken a deep interest in its work. In political matters he is a democrat, but has never sought preferment of a public character.

JAMES NEISWONGER.

James Neiswonger belongs to one of Greenville's old and honored families and is financially a self-made man. He was born in Greenville, September 21, 1861, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Gorsech) Neiswonger, natives of Maryland. The father died about 1904. He came to Darke county as a young man and for many years was engaged in business in Greenville as a dealer in second-hand goods. He served in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. His widow now lives in Greenville, aged seventy-six. They had several children, all born in Darke county: Albert, of Greenville; Clara, wife of Joseph Whiteley, of Greenville; Jennie, wife of Arthur Avis, of Alabama; James, of this sketch.

After completing the course in the common schools of Greenville, James Neiswonger began learning the trade of carpenter, in Greenville, and when he became expert in the trade he and his brother Albert entered into partnership and they have since continued in this line. They began taking contracts on their own account and have been very successful in every undertaking. They have built many business buildings and a number of fine residences, including buildings for Charles Herr, Guy Baker, John Whiteley, and many others. They have also put up buildings in other parts of the county. James Neiswonger erected his present beautiful residence at 301 Gray avenue, which is a good sample of the high class of work turned out by the firm. They are among the leading contractors of the county and their work testifies to their ability in planning and executing their work.

Mr. Neiswonger was married, April 30, 1909, to Mrs. Grace (Yost) Pearce, who was born near Arcanum, Darke county, February 13, 1877, daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Downing) Yost. Mr. Yost was born in Darke county in November, 1845, and his wife was born near New Madison, Ohio, 1851, and died at the age of forty-three years. Mr. Yost is a farmer by occupation and lives near Arcanum. He served as 100-day man in the Ohio Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War. He and his wife had three children, all living: Nora, wife of Russell Corwin, living near Arcanum; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Beedle, of Norwalk, Ohio; Mrs. Neiswonger. Mrs. Neiswonger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fort Jefferson. Her mother was a member

of the Mennonite church of the same place. Mr. and Mrs. Neiswonger have friends by the score, with whom both are popular. Their home is one of refinement; both are fond of reading, and they are pleasant and courteous in manner. They have the welfare of the community at heart and are always ready to help along any worthy cause. Mr. Neiswonger is a Democrat in politics. His business associations are very pleasant, for he is progressive and enterprising in his methods and upright in all his dealings.

Three children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neiswonger: Ralph, born April 1, 1909; James and Janet, twins, born December 5, 1912.

ED L. BOLI.

Mr. Boli is a native son of Darke county and was born at Ithaca July 9, 1852, a son of Lewis and Julia (Trager) Boli. His father, a native of Gaugrehueiler, Bavaria, Germany, emigrated to the United States as a lad of sixteen years, landing at New York alone. Traveling by way of the Hudson river and Erie canal to Buffalo, N. Y., steamer to Cleveland then canal to Navaree, Stark county, as at that day there was no other mode of travel; where for a short time he was employed by his elder brother. Subsequently he went to Cincinnati and was employed by Mitchel & Rammelsburg Furniture Company as cabinet maker. On June 11, 1848, he was married to Miss Julia Trager. In the spring of 1852 they moved to Ithaca, Darke county, Ohio, traveling as far as West Baltimore by train, and the rest of the way by wagon, as train only came that far. At Ithaca, Ohio, he established himself in the furniture and undertaking business, being one of the earliest funeral directors of that place. He was a man of good business ability and made the most of the opportunities offered him and became a substantial and highly respected citizen, holding many offices of public trust. To their union was born six children: Ed L. and Charles Theodore, who survive. They received their education in the public schools of Ithaca. Ed L., when but ten years of age, secured employment on a farm. Later he was for sometime associated with his father in the furniture and undertaking business and also accepted whatever other honorable employment presented itself in the mean-

time carefully saving his earnings with the idea of becoming his own employer. On February 6, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Hunt, daughter of James and Eliza (Seybold) Hunt, who lived at different times in both Montgomery and Preble counties. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boli: Virgil T., Pearl B., Opha and Clara, the two latter are deceased. Virgil T. Boli was married to Ulree L. Broderick, daughter of Lem and Lutisea Broderick of Harrison township, January 27, 1909. Two children, Velma and Eugene, bless this union. Mr. Boli now resides in Greenville and is a mail clerk on the P., C., C. & St. L. railroad, between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Indianapolis, Ind.

On May 24, 1909, Mrs. Ed Boli was laid to rest in the cemetery at New Madison. She was well known, industrious and respected and was mourned for by a wide circle of friends, being a devoted mother to her family and a woman of influence in the neighborhood in which she lived.

Ed L., since marriage, has always followed the occupation of farming and moved but three times, always living in Darke county, now residing on the Boli homestead in German township with his brother C. T., and daughter Pearl.

ELI ARMACOST.

The name of Armacost has long been an honored one in agricultural circles of Darke county, the family having resided here since 1837, covering a period of more than three-quarters of a century, and since that time its representatives have been numbered among the leading and influential residents of this part of the State. Among those bearing this name, one who for years was engaged actively in farming and stockraising operations, but who, in the evening of life, is living quietly in his comfortable home, surrounded by family and friends and by the comforts which his early years of labor brought him, is Eli Armacost, of Washington township, the owner of 217 acres, included in two farms. Mr. Armacost is a native son of Darke county, having been born on his father's farm in Harrison township, February 1, 1838, a son of Christopher and Sarah (Hoover) Armacost.

Christopher Armacost was born in Baltimore, Md., and was there reared and educated. Having decided to try his

fortune in the rapidly growing West, he acquired a property in Randolph county, Indiana, and it was while on a visit of inspection to this land that he passed through Darke county, Ohio, as a young man of twenty-one years, and became favorably impressed with the possibilities opening up here. Upon his return to his native city he prepared himself for another journey, and in 1837 drove across the mountains in a two-horse wagon. camping on the way in true pioneer style and finally reaching Harrison township, where he took up land. Here he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life and became known as one of the substantial and highly esteemed men of this part of the county. Mr. Armacost married Miss Sarah Hoover, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom five are still living: Mrs. Lydia Harnish, Mrs. Mary Mikesell, Mrs. Millie Jones, James and Eli.

During short winter terms of the early days, Eli Armacost attended the district school at Dobson Cross Roads, and in the summer months, as was customary at that time, helped his father with the farm work. When he had concluded his studies he applied himself to the work which he had chosen for his field of endeavor, and upon attaining his majority entered upon the struggle of life self-reliant and thoroughly equipped with knowledge. His subsequent success has been attained through no adventitious chance or circumstance. He has labored faithfully, has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has builded well. He is a public-spirited man, loyal to the best interests of his community, and may always be relied upon to support movements which his judgment tells him will be to its advantage. He is not a member of any particular religious denomination but gives liberally of his means to worthy enterprises of a religious or charitable nature. He also taught school for twenty years. He served the township and county in various official capacities—justice of peace, township trustee for two years, township assessor for two terms, assistant land appraiser for his county, deputy county surveyor under W. S. Harper, county surveyor for two terms, 1876-1882, and served on the board of land equalization in 1880 and 1881. He was re-elected county surveyor for a fourth term, from 1892 to 1895, and as justice of the peace from 1896 to 1899. Eli Armacost died January 15, 1914, aged 76 years 11 months and 14 days.

Mr. Armacost was married in 1856 to Miss Catherine

Stephens, who died in 1898, and to this union there were born eight children, of whom five survive: Mrs. Eva Craig and Mrs. Sarah L. Swank, Mr. James H. Armacost, W. J. Armacost and Mrs. Blanche Piatt. Mr. Armacost's agricultural interests are at present under the careful and capable supervision of Virgil Piatt.

EDWIN C. WRIGHT.

Edwin C. Wright is well-known as an upright and progressive citizen of Greenville and has for several years been prominent in Darke county's affairs. He is a practicing attorney at law, with offices on south Broadway, and stands well in his profession. He was born near Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, September 18, 1866, only son of Edward H. and Alletta V. (Dunn) Wright. The father was also born in Greene county, April 24, 1841, and the mother in Maryland, January, 1844, and they now reside in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio. The father enlisted in the Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served four years with honor and credit. Of their six children five survive: Edwin C., of this sketch; Kate, wife of Harry Lamb, of Darke county; Ida Ellen, wife of C. J. Riegel, of Darke county; Jennie, wife of Edward Reck, living near Nashville, Tennessee; Stella, wife of Charles Porter, of Henderson, Kentucky. The parents are devout members of St. Paul Reformed church, in which the father has held various offices. They are held in respect and esteem by all who know them as worthy and estimable members of the community.

After finishing the course in the rural school, Edwin attended Greenville High School and later read law with the late Judge John C. Clark and with L. E. Chenoweth, with which firm he remained three years and studied to such good advantage that he was admitted to the bar December 4, 1891, and during the next month opened an office at Greenville with J. C. Elliott, former prosecuting attorney of Darke county, as his partner. This arrangement lasted one year and since then Mr. Wright has conducted his practice alone, always in Greenville. His worth and ability have been recognized from the beginning of his practice and he has been very successful. His fellow-citizens showed their appreciation of his merit and ability when they elected him mayor of Greenville,

which office he filled creditably from 1905 to 1909. By successive elections he also served as city solicitor during 1912 and 1913, but has not cared for office during the last few years on account of his growing practice. He is a Republican in politics but has been well supported by all parties in local elections. He was the Republican candidate for Congress in 1900, but as Darke county is Democratic in sentiment, he was defeated. He served as a member of the Republican State Central Committee during 1904 and 1905 and has many times served as a member of the county Republican Committee. For two years he served as clerk of the election board of Darke county. His first presidential vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

Mr. Wright is well known in fraternal circles and has held many offices of honor in various organizations to which he belongs. He has been a trustee of the Champion lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past twenty years; served six years as representative to the Grand Lodge of Ohio and is the only Odd Fellow of Darke county ever elected to any office in the Grand Lodge and is deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State at this time. He also belongs to the Foresters and to the Little Turtle Tribe of Red Men, as well as the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has served as secretary of Greenville Commercial Club. He attends the Methodist church.

On August 28, 1890, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Schultz, who was born in Greenville township, Darke county, March 1, 1869, daughter of W. H. and Martha A. (Noggle) Schultz. Mr. Schultz was born in Maryland, August 7, 1843, and came to Darke county as a young man, in the early 60's, becoming a prosperous farmer and spending the rest of his life there. He died August 22, 1910. Mrs. Schultz was born in Darke county, January 18, 1846, and now resides at Greenville. They had five children, all born in Darke county, namely: Mrs. Wright; Maggie, wife of Carl H. Craig, of Greenville; Julia Pearl, wife of Jacob Menke, president of city council of Greenville; John William, of Muncie, Indiana; R. R., living with his mother in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright had three children, all born in Greenville: Martha Helen, born October 20, 1891, attended Greenville High School, later attended Ohio Wesleyan University and the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati, became a gifted

pianist, and is the wife of Algy R. Murphy, a clothing merchant of Versailles, Ohio; Edwin Henry, born December 1, 1893, also attended Greenville High School, is in the second year of his course at Culver (Indiana) Military Academy; Robert, born in 1899, lived but one day. Mrs. Wright and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greenville. In 1897 Mr. Wright built the present comfortable home on Washington avenue, Greenville, and he is also the owner of other city property and several farms in the county. He did not inherit his start in life but made it himself and is truly a self-made man. He is a representative American, interested in the welfare and progress of his community and ready and able to serve the best interests of the people as opportunity offers. He has a number of sincere friends and is one of the most popular men in Greenville.

JEREMIAH JOSEPH O'BRIEN.

Jeremiah Joseph O'Brien, familiarly known to his friends and associates as "Joe," is a city letter-carrier in Greenville and belongs to an old family of Darke county. He was born in Greenville township, March 25, 1874, and is a son of Cornelius and Louisa (Bryant) O'Brien. His great-grandfather, Michael O'Brien, was born and died in Ireland. He had a son Cornelius, who married Margaret Ryan, and their son Cornelius is the one mentioned as the father of the subject of this sketch. Two children of Cornelius and Margaret O'Brien now survive: Ellen, widow of Simon Bisgood, a resident of St. Marys Home at Hartford, Connecticut, and whose husband was serving in the United States Navy at the time of his death, and James O'Brien, retired farmer and stock-raiser, now lives in Des Moines, Iowa. These are the only ones surviving of nine children.

The second Cornelius O'Brien, was very well known in Darke county, being a contractor of public work. He was an upright and public-spirited citizen and did much for the good of the community. He was born in the winter of 1829 and died July 26, 1907, being buried at Greenville. He came to Wayne county, New York, from county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1848. He came to Darke county in 1854 and settled near Baker store in Neave township. Here he lived until 1870,

when he purchased and moved on the Elijah House farm adjoining the city of Greenville. He sold the east part to the Darke County Agricultural Company and this with a portion of the Jacob Martz farm comprise the Darke county fair grounds. He improved the remaining portion and opened the Bunker Hill gravel pit, which is still operated by his son, R. Emmett O'Brien. He was a candidate of the early Whig party but was defeated. He married Louisa Bryant at Newark, New York, May 8, 1853. She was born at Sommersetshire, England, March 6, 1833, and died January 17, 1889, and she and her husband were buried at Greenville. Her father, Joseph Bryant, was an Episcopal minister and died when she was about six years old. Her mother, Harriet Adams Bryant, married William Westlake as her second husband, and they came to this country in 1849, settling in Newark, New York. Mr. Westlake enlisted from New York in the Union Army, died and was buried at Cumberland Gap. Mrs. Louisa Bryant O'Brien had a brother, Joseph Bryant, and a half sister, Jennie Westlake, who married James Coons and resided in Newark, New York, but both are deceased. Mrs. Westlake died at an advanced age near Greenville, February 8, 1871, and was buried in Greenville.

Cornelius and Louisa O'Brien had eleven children and nine now survive: Jeremiah J., born March 25, 1855, died at the age of eight months; Ellen J., born June 18, 1856, widow of Stephen A. Tullis, of Dayton, had three children, Cornelius, died 1906; Louisa, and Joseph Bryant; Louisa, born March 8, 1858, died at the age of two years; William Smith, born September 15, 1861, a resident of Greenville, married Lydia S. North, August 13, 1844, and they have two children, Margaret Lee and Albert Earl; Cornelius, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Harriet Margaret, born February 7, 1866, married James F. Keefauver, of Indianapolis, and they have two children, Ruby May and Sylvia June; Albert Adams, born October 18, 1868, married Anna Zeicht and they live at Union City, Indiana; Robert Emmett, born January 24, 1872, married Estella Kerst and they live on the old homestead, near Greenville, and have one son, Robert Morgan; Jeremiah J., subject of this sketch, who bears the same name as the firstborn son, who died; Edward Washington, born July 18, 1876, of Greenville, married Cora E. Lehman and they have three children, Ruby, Henry C. and Francis; James Lincoln, born April 18, 1879, of Dayton, Ohio, married Laura

Schoemaker and they have five children, Alva, Ora, Rheba, Glenna and Roma.

Cornelius O'Brien, father of the above-mentioned children, had more than an ordinary education, being educated in a private school in a neighboring county, and being naturally enterprising and progressive and fond of reading. He was reared in a refined home, amid surroundings which gave him an ambition to make most of his opportunities. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a much-respected citizen and identified himself with the best interests of his community. His death was widely mourned and his children have very tender memories of their parents. They reared a large family to useful manhood and womanhood.

Jeremiah J. O'Brien began his education in the Studebaker and Greenville schools and took a two-year course in Wayne Technical school, after which he helped his father in the contracting work. Later he worked for the surveyor at Greenville and May 1, 1900, began to carry rural mail. He was soon transferred to city service, however, and is now carrier No. 1. He is a Republican in politics and for several years served on the County Central Committee. His first presidential vote was cast for William McKinley in 1896. He is well informed on all subjects relating to the postal service of the government and takes an active interest in them. He performs his duties with ability and efficiency and enjoys the confidence and respect of his associates. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason and having held all offices in the Blue Lodge at Greenville, No. 143, Free and Accepted Masons. He was worshipful master in 1909-10, and also belongs to Greenville Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons, as well as Machette Council No. 91 Royal and Select Masons. He was thrice illustrious master during 1913 and 1914 and is much interested in work of this order. He has for years taken an active interest in the Greenville Historical Society and was one of the early members. For some years past he has served as president of this society. He is president of the local organization of city letter carriers, which is a branch of the National Association. He is fond of good literature and has studied along various lines in which he took especial interest, as his parents were ambitious for him to acquire a good education. He has had to work out his own success materially and financially and did not disappoint

their ambitions in his behalf. He is well known in the city, where most of his life has been spent, and is much liked for his pleasant courteous manner, which is the true index of his character and feeling. He has lately remodeled his pleasant home at 242 East Main street and there he and his good wife dispense a fine hospitality.

On June 28, 1906, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage with Miss Mary Edith Howe, born in Greenville township, near the city of Greenville, June 29, 1891, daughter of John E. and Mary (Hicks) Howe. Her great-great-grandfather, William Ashley, was a patriot in the Revolution and was present at Burgoyne's surrender, entitling his descendants to admission to the Revolutionary societies and the daughters of the family to Daughters of American Revolution. The first of the Howe family to come to America was John Howe, who helped lay out the town of Marlboro, Massachusetts, of which he was one of the founders, in 1838. Laomi Ashley Howe, great-grandson of William Ashley, grandson of Laomi Ashley and son of Rhewindle Ashley Howe, and served in the Civil War, entering the service in 1862 as a member of Company K, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in July, 1865. Laomi A. Howe married Susan Witters, October 10, 1847, at Bachman, Montgomery county, Ohio. Twelve children were born of this union, of whom eleven survive and ten were present at the sixty-first wedding anniversary of the parents, October 10, 1908. He died in 1909 and Mrs. Howe in 1911. Their son, John E. Howe, was born in Montgomery county, February 8, 1847, and is a carpenter by trade. He now resides in Dayton. Mrs. Howe was born in Greenville township, Darke county, October 16, 1853, daughter of James M. Hicks and Hester A. (Duckson) Hicks. They had six children, and four now survive: Benjamin Franklin, of Cincinnati; Florence, wife of Charles Cobo, of Columbus; Mattie, wife of James Cochran, of Greenville; Mary Edith, Mrs. O'Brien; Harrison Wayne, died in 1911; an infant, Vinal, deceased. The eldest, Benjamin F., served in the civil engineering corps in the Spanish-American War.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have three children, born in Darke county: Joseph Ashley, April 2, 1907, attends school; Cornelius Howe, April 30, 1912; John, March 26, 1914. The parents of these children are members of the First United Brethren church of Greenville, and he is a trustee and president of the Otterbein Brotherhood.

DAVID H. BAKER.

David H. Baker, who for many years has figured prominently in connection with the agricultural interests of German township, belongs to that class of representative American men who, in promoting individual success, also contribute to the general prosperity. With the exception of one year spent in the west, he has been a resident of Darke county since 1881. His home is on the Neave turnpike, one-half mile south of Palestine. He has gained the confidence and regard of his community as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Baker was born May 4, 1860, in Muskingum county, Ohio, near the city of Zanesville, and is a son of George and Sarah J. (Ryan) Baker. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, moved in young manhood to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for some years, but eventually went to Richland county, Illinois, and there, on a valuable property, continued to cultivate the soil throughout the active period of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, as follows: Luther, who is deceased; Julia and Albertine, twins; Albertine deceased; Louise, who has also passed away; David H., Alma, who married Mr. Elston of Jasper county, Illinois; Charles, Albert, Ida, living in the west, and Elhert.

David H. Baker was but a lad when his parents moved to Richland county, Illinois, and there he secured his literary training in the public schools. He remained a resident of that locality throughout the period of his minority, during two years of which he worked by the month as a farm hand. Upon reaching the age of twenty-one years he came to Darke county, Ohio, where he secured employment with J. Woodman, but in 1886 decided to try his fortunes in the west, and accordingly moved to Kansas, where he spent one year. Upon his return to Darke county, he began farming in German township, and since that time he has concentrated his energies upon general agricultural pursuits. Through the exercise of industry, judgment and good management, he has succeeded in developing a handsome and valuable farm, upon which the numerous improvements give every evidence of careful supervision and an intimate and correct knowledge of the best methods of conducting farm work. Mr. Baker's political allegiance is given to the Democratic party and in all life's relations he stands for those things which work for upright man-

hood, for loyalty in citizenship and for fidelity in friendship. He is a valued and popular member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and his religious connection is with the Christian church.

In 1889, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Elnora Martin, the estimable daughter of Ira and Mary (Ward) Martin, and to this union there have been born five children: Bessie, who became the wife of Harry Manning and has one child, Paul F.; Mary J., who married Mr. D. Spencer, and Elsie, George and Orville, who reside at home with their parents.

IRA BICKEL.

In all communities there are found men of enterprise, initiative and business discrimination, who are the leaders in commercial and agricultural circles and whose labors form an important element in the substantial upbuilding and development of their various sections. In this class stands Ira Bickel accounted one of the substantial men of Washington township, the owner of 133 acres of well-developed land and a man of undoubted influence in political circles. He belongs to one of Darke county's old and honored families, and was born February 28, 1866, in Washington township, a son of Daniel W. and Rebecca (Chenoweth) Bickel.

Tobias and Elizabeth (Maccadam) Bickel, the grandparents of Ira Bickel, came to Darke county from Clermont county, Ohio, and here became prominent in agricultural circles, both living long and useful lives and dying when nearly ninety years of age. Their son, Daniel W. Bickel, was born in Clermont county and was a lad when brought to Darke county. Here he received a public school education, and, following in his father's footsteps, early adopted the vocation of farmer, which he followed for many years with marked success. At this time he is living retired, being one of the highly esteemed residents of Union City, Ind., and seventy-five years of age. He and his wife had two sons: John H., who is a successful farmer of Wayne township, Randolph county, Indiana, and Ira.

Ira Bickel was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agrisulturist. He worked in the fields throughout the sum-

mer months and in the winter seasons attended the district schools. When he had finished his studies, he for three years taught in the country schools, although he continued his activities as an agriculturist in season, and at the end of that period concentrated his entire energies upon farming, beginning his operations for himself upon a tract of 80 acres in Washington township. Subsequently he disposed of his interests here and moved to Randolph county, Indiana, but after five years returned to the old homestead and here has continued his activities to the present time. He has been successful because of his industry and sustained effort, and his present farm is one of the most valuable in this locality. In partnership with H. M. Oswald he carries on threshing with modern, highly-improved machinery, and this venture has also proved a prosperous one, the business constantly increasing in volume and importance. Mr. Bickel's business standing is high and his personal popularity widespread.

Mr. Bickel was married to Miss Frances Huffman, who was born in Darke county, daughter of George W. and Maria (Stapleton) Huffman, and to this union there have been born four children: Maude married Mr. Hiram Hedrick, Daniel W., Mary and Bertha. All the children were students in the Spring Hill school, while Daniel W., is a graduate of the Union City High School and is now attending the academy at Ada. Since attaining his majority Mr. Bickel has been interested in state and county politics, and has served as central committeeman for fifteen years. He has served as delegate to several senatorial and state conventions. His family attends the Christian church at Carnahan.

ORLANDO FOGLE.

No richer or more productive land can be found in Ohio than is embraced in Darke county, and a fine farm of 150 acres, situated on the Jefferson turnpike, about five and one-half miles southwest of Greenville, gives illustration of the thrift and energy which have characterized the career of Orlando Fogle, of German township. Although one of the younger generation of agriculturists here, he has made a reputation and place for himself among the men who are upholding the county's supremacy as a farming center, and is particularly

well known as a raiser of fine Poland-China hogs. Mr. Fogle was born on the farm which he now occupies, June 18, 1875, and is a son of John and Diana (Harter) Fogle. She was a daughter of John Harter, of New Madison, Ohio. His father, a native of Greene county, this State, grew up in the vicinity of Xenia and was there educated, and as a young unmarried man came to Darke county, Ohio, securing a tract of land in German township. His subsequent operations made him one of the substantial men of his community, and at the time of his retirement he had a comfortable competency. He and his wife were the parents of five children, namely: Junetta, who married Mr. John Mosier, of Palestine, Darke county, Ohio; Rossella, who married Mr. Wm. Confer, who lives at Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio. She is now deceased; Minnie, who married J. F. Reichard, of Van Buren township, Darke county, Ohio; Orlando, and Lurenzo, who is a resident of Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. Fogle was reared to agricultural life, assisting his father in the operation of the home place during the summer months, while during the winter terms he attended the Sassafras district school, and proved himself a zealous and attentive scholar, applying himself assiduously to his studies and making the most of his opportunities. When he embarked upon a career of his own he chose farming as the medium through which to win success, and after a short stay in German township went to the vicinity of Peru, Illinois, where he continued two years as a farm hand. In 1898, however, he returned to German township on account of his father's sickness and after his father's death was given the management of the home farm, which his father left to Mrs. Fogle and the heirs. He has continued to cultivate this valuable land and recently purchased an additional twenty acres just west of the homestead, which he has also placed under a high state of cultivation. His earnest and indefatigable efforts, his capable management and his keen discernment have combined to win him well-merited success, and his intelligent use of modern methods and inventions marks him as one of the progressive men of his calling. In addition to general farming he has devoted much of his attention to the breeding of swine, and his hogs of the Poland-China breed bring top-notch prices in the big markets.

In his political views Mr. Fogle is a Democrat, but his extensive interests have left him no time to seek public preferment, although he is ever ready to lend his support to men and

measures whom he believes will advance the interests of his community. Although not a professed member of any particular church he contributes to all worthy movements. His acquaintance is large and few men have a wider circle of friends.

BOYCE G. EIDSON.

The agricultural interests of Washington township find a worthy representative in the person of Boyce G. Eidson, who has spent his entire life in Darke county, and who has made farming his occupation since earliest manhood. His career has been one of tireless industry, and through the force of his own merit and well-applied effort he has placed himself among the substantial men of his part of the country, being at this time the owner of a valuable tract comprising 240 acres of some of the best land to be found in Washington township. Mr. Eidson was born in Palestine, Ohio, November 5, 1864, and is a son of Frank and Lucetta (Kester) Eidson, and a grandson of Boyce and Rebecca (Griffin) Eidson.

Frank Eidson was born at Farmersville, Preble county, Ohio, at which place his parents had located at an early day. As a young man he mastered the trade of tanner, and to this occupation gave the years of his active life, attaining a satisfactory measure of success and at all times holding the respect and esteem of those with whom he was brought in contact. Some short time after his marriage he located in Palestine, and there he and his wife passed the remaining years of their lives. They were the parents of five children: Clara, who married Mr. Schafer; Boyce G.; Virginia, who married Mr. Harrison; Mack and Murray.

Boyce G. Eidson was granted the educational advantages to be obtained in the public schools of Greenville and at the Studebaker school where he completed his studies. He acquired a knowledge of the tanner's trade from his father, but early showed a preference for farm work, and during the greater part of his school period spent his summer months in working industriously among the agriculturists of his locality. He remained under the parental roof until attaining the age of twenty-two years, at which time he came to Washington township. His life has been characterized by unfaltering diligence and perseverance, by laudable ambition and firm de-

termination, and now, in the prime of life, he finds himself the owner of a property with which many men would be satisfied if acquired only after a lifetime of earnest endeavor. Mr. Eidson is public spirited in a high degree, and local progress and national advancement are causes both close to his heart. Although his private enterprises are large, demanding the greater part of his attention, he has not been indifferent to the duties of citizenship, and in numerous ways has been influential in advancing the public welfare. A sincere friend of education, he has long been a member of the school board, and at this time is president of that body, a capacity in which he has rendered signal service. He has long been a supporter of Republican principles.

On February 26, 1889, Mr. Eidson was married to Miss Retta Elston, daughter of William and Rebecca (Griffith) Elston, and four children have been born to this union: Marie, who married Mr. Davis; Willard, a resident of Greenville, Ohio; Griffith, and George, who is attending school.

ELDER JESSE STUTSMAN.

Probably no other church in Ohio has ever had a pastor who served it so many years and who was so universally liked by all denominations, as the Church of the Brethren, where Elder Jesse Stutsman has preached so many years. He is peculiarly fitted, by nature and endowments, for the ministry, and has given his best efforts in the cause and in the betterment of conditions in the community. He has done much for the church and has also kept his heart open to the needs of people outside his own congregation and church, and sympathized with the joys and sorrows of any who came within his sphere of knowledge. He is well remembered wherever he has entered a home for the purpose of bringing comfort to the afflicted or performing a marriage ceremony, preaching a funeral sermon, or like occasions which have called him there, as a man of sympathetic manner, dignified and kindly of speech, whose soft voice and strong personality have commanded respect and attention. He was born October 29, 1833, on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, son of David and Frances (Eller) Stutsman. His father was born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1793, and died in 1864 near Boli-

war, Missouri, where he is buried. The mother was born in Maryland, January 18, 1796, and died in Kansas, when she was probably over eighty years of age. David Stutsman was living in Missouri at the time of the Civil war, and on account of his age did not enlist, but two of his sons and his son-in-law had to leave home to escape being forced into the rebel army, and from the hard work and worry thus engendered, the father developed a fever, which caused his death. His sons and his son-in-law lost their homes and all they owned, for the rebels stripped their houses of furniture and took their stock and belongings, with the exception of two horses and wagons, which they left for the three women to reach the railroad station. They had probably less than five dollars in money among them and were unable to sell their horses. The son-in-law, Abraham Herr, went in search of his wife and was killed by a bushwhacker in sight of his old neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Stutsman had ten children, of whom three died in childhood and the others reached maturity, Jesse being the youngest of all. Those who grew up were: Lydia, the wife of George Brumbaugh, who lived near Greenville, Ohio, and both are deceased; Elizabeth, wife of John Landis, lived south of Greenville, and both are deceased; Abraham died some forty years ago, north of Union City, in Darke county; Henry died in California; Mary, deceased, was the widow of Abraham Herr, mentioned above, who went to get his wife, with her sister and mother, and who was killed in sight of home; Sarah is the widow of Jacob Spitler and resides in Kansas; Reverend Jesse. The parents and all the children except Abraham were members of the Church of the Brethren.

Elder Stutsman began his education in the schools of Randolph township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and also attended a select school in Dayton, Ohio, and before he was twenty years of age began to teach school. He taught many years in Montgomery county, beginning in 1853, and until 1879 in Monroe township, Darke county, since which time he has been engaged in farming as a means of livelihood, devoting much of his time and efforts to ministerial work. He was ordained in the church in Montgomery county in 1865, and has resided on his farm in Darke county since 1869, most of this time being pastor of the church at Pittsburg. This is now known as the Pittsburg and Painter Creek District. In po-

litical principle he has been in favor of the Republican party, but since taking up the ministry has not cared to take an active part in political affairs, and has not voted except when some question of local option or prohibition has seemed to him to call for his support.

In the year 1857 Elder Stutsman was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Heisey, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1832, and died in 1898, being buried in Monroe township cemetery at Pitsburg. She was a daughter of Martin E. and Elizabeth (Engle) Heisey, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1850, in a private conveyance. They spent the remainder of their lives in Ohio and died in Montgomery county. They had eight children, of whom two now survive: Barbara, widow of David Engle, of Randolph township, Montgomery county; David E., of Farmersville, Montgomery county. Nine children were born of the marriage of Reverend and Mrs. Stutsman: one died when forty-eight hours old, in southwestern Missouri; David Marquis died at the age of six months, in Montgomery county, Ohio; Frances, born July 1, 1861, in Montgomery county, is the wife of Arodine Isenberger, of Pleasant Hill, Miami county; Willis H., born in Montgomery county, January 11, 1864, lives in Saskatchewan, Canada, and has four children: Huber who married Myrta Simmons, has one child, Jesse, and lives in Saskatchewan, Claude E., Winnifred and Mabel; Charles A., born September 27, 1866, in Montgomery county, married Miss Clara White, resides at Roanoke, Virginia, and they have one son, Albert Chesterfield, aged eight years; Franklin M., born December 8, 1868, lives in Detroit, Michigan, married Miss Rose Budelier, and they have one son, Marvin; Anna M., born in Darke County, keeps house for her father; Susella, wife of A. T. Lutz, of Monroe township, has seven children: Dale J., Lowell W., Anna, Leonard, James and Robert (twins), and Wilfred; Ira M., born in Darke county, Ohio, June 1, 1875, residing in Warren county, Ohio, married Miss Maude Keiser, and they have five children—Byron, Glen, Harold, Robert and Galen. Miss Anna is a graduate nurse, having taken a full correspondence course, and is of much help to her father in his church work, ministering to his needs in daughterly fashion and always ready to give her sympathy and attention to anything that concerns his work or welfare. All the children are active members of the church. The mother was a charming woman, well fitted

for the wife of a minister, a true helpmeet and one whose fine character and lovely disposition endeared her to all. Her high instincts and womanliness were radiated from her features and general bearing, so that she was the sunshine in the home and hearts of her husband and children, as well as of other circles which felt her influence, always ready to perform little acts of kindness which were long afterward remembered with gratitude. Elder Stutsman has become well known for his inspiring funeral sermons, which have numbered some fifteen hundred, and have extended over a radius of some twenty miles, including fourteen suicides and three persons who died from railroad accidents, two of the victims dying instantly and one the day following the accident. His words at such times have come from his heart and soul and have been of great comfort to the sorrowing families, so that he has often heard words of gratitude and commendation years after the occasion from those who had been impressed at the time. He has solemnized nearly two hundred wedding ceremonies and, in fact, has been intimately associated with the home life of people of all denominations, aside from the especial affection and trust shown by people of his own church. His own home life was ideal and his children have been a great comfort to him, all ready to call him blessed.

JOHN E. DETAMORE, M. D.

The technical education of the doctor of medicine avails him but little unless he has laid a foundation for it of broad general knowledge and made a careful study of human nature. When he took up the practice of medicine, Dr. John E. Detamore brought to the profession a mental equipment such as is acquired by the majority of men only in a lifetime. For years he was a teacher of the common branches in various public schools, and his subsequent study in commercial and medical colleges so prepared him that the mysteries of medicine and surgery were quickly mastered and success was his almost from the beginning of his professional career. At Hillgrove, his present field of endeavor, he has won the universal confidence of the public through his intimate and accurate knowledge of the principles of his calling, and his broad study and research keep him fully abreast of the many advancements

constantly being made. Dr. Detamore was born January 2, 1868, near West Alexandria, Preble county, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Hildreth) Detamore. His father, also a native of that county, was a farmer by occupation and a successful man of affairs. When he came to Darke county, in 1871, he settled on a farm of 40 acres and five years after this on 80 acres, located six miles northeast of Union City, and there continued to pass the remaining years of his life in tilling the soil. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, Amos, who is engaged in farming and stockraising in New Madison, and John E.

John E. Detamore was a child of three years when brought to Darke county by his parents, and here his preliminary educational training was secured in Tobin school in Jackson township. After finishing the common branches, he went to Westerville, Franklin county, where he attended a preparatory school, and later to Lebanon, Warren county, eventually going to a commercial college under the supervision of A. D. Welt of Dayton, Ohio. At this time he found himself out of funds, but, nothing daunted, he soon secured a position as teacher, and during the time he was thus employed continued to assiduously devote himself to his medical studies, he having firmly decided to become a physician. At the end of three years the young man found himself in possession of sufficient means to warrant his giving up his position as educator, and he at once entered a medical school at Lebanon, after leaving which, he became a student in the Ohio Medical College, now Starling (Ohio) Medical College, from which well known institution he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898. Thus thoroughly equipped, Doctor Detamore engaged in practice for a short time in the city of Columbus, but during the same year went to Union City, and from that place came to Hillgrove in 1906. In a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, intellectual force and correct application of scientific principles to the practical needs of the sick room, he has made steady progress, and by his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics, combined with his ability, has won the unqualified respect and admiration of his fellow practitioners as well as of the general public. Socially, the Doctor is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and along professional lines he holds membership in the various societies of medicine. A leading and active member of the

United Brethren church, he has taken an earnest interest in its work, in which he is aiding materially as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is without political aspirations, but gives his hearty support to the Prohibition party, of which his views upon the temperance question have made him a member. Although he has long since given up the duties of the school room he continues to be well known in educational circles, and at this time is superintendent of the teachers' training department of Darke county.

In 1901 Doctor Detamore was married to Miss Acha Roe, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, daughter of Eli and Acha (Parent) Roe, and to this union there have been born two bright and interesting children: Kenneth and Sarah Ann.

CHARLES CLIFFORD TAYLOR.

As a community grows in importance so do its men and institutions. In some cases the business in which a man is engaged, his environment as it were, becomes the dominant feature in his development. In other cases his own inherent strength of character forms the mainspring that leads him from one field of activity to that of others in which nearly all the people of a community in one way or another must place great confidence. Undoubtedly such is the case of Charles Clifford Taylor, the present cashier of the First National Bank of Arcanum.

Coming to that place in 1896 as station agent for the Big Four railway, in the short time of two years he had won the confidence of the people to such an extent that his services were sought to fill the position to which he was then elected and has since held.

A bank cashier fills a peculiar position. He must be faithful to the stockholders of the bank, guarding well their interests, and at the same time he must be a man of great genial good nature, so that those to whom he feels compelled to refuse financial accommodation will not go away offended, but that they will go away feeling that he has really their welfare at heart and will long to come to the bank time and again with their deposits when fortune shall smile upon them in the future. While not a man of great fortune financially, Mr. Taylor has great wealth of character, and has the gratification

of seeing the result of his efforts and those with whom he has been so happily associated cause the First National Bank of Arcanum to become an influential factor in the affairs not only of Arcanum, but of the wealthy country with which it is surrounded. The whole community has reason to be grateful to the influences that brought Mr. Taylor into its midst.

He is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born at New Carlisle, Ohio, September 10, 1870, a son of Horace N. and Clara (Garver) Taylor, and grandson of Ezra and Eleanor (Neeley) Taylor, and John and Catharine (Fuller) Garver.

Ezra G. Taylor was born in Virginia. His parents, following the example of many of the neighbors, decided to strike out for the then undeveloped regions in Ohio, locating in New Carlisle, where they found opportunities, as he owned and conducted the first bank of that place, known as the Exchange Bank of New Carlisle, and also developed an excellent general merchandise business, conducting it for a long period. After many years of useful endeavor, during which he gave a healthful impetus to many movements looking towards progress, he retired, and died a few years later. He married Eleanor Neeley, daughter of Major Neeley. His wife died in young womanhood, having borne him two children: Horace N. and Milton Corwin. John Garver came from Maryland, his native state, to Ohio, and married Catharine Fuller, becoming an early settler on a farm three miles east of New Carlisle. They died at the latter place, he when ninety-two years old, and she when eighty-two years old. Their children were as follows: Ezra; Ella, who married D. O. Myers; Sarah, who married John Fenner; Susan, who married James Harr; Mary, who married J. N. Cory; Clara and Laura.

Horace N. Taylor, father of Charles Clifford Taylor, was born in New Carlisle, Clarke county, as was his wife. He was reared in the vicinity of New Carlisle, and during his younger years was a merchant of New Carlisle, later becoming its postmaster, which position he held for some years. Failing health compelled him to retire, and he died in November, 1904, aged fifty-eight years. His widow survives, making her home at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Taylor was reared a Quaker, and his wife was a Methodist. During the civil war, he served faithfully and gallantly as a soldier, enlisting three times, as his periods of enlistment expired, his longest service being with the Sixteenth Ohio Battery. A man of stable character, he

was chosen upon many occasions to hold public office, serving for twenty-five years as township clerk, was city clerk a number of times, and for years was a justice of the peace and a notary public. He and his wife had four children, namely: Charles C.; Mary G., who married C. K. McConnaughey, of Dayton, Ohio; J. Garver Taylor, who resides at Dayton, and Bert C., who also resides at Dayton, Ohio.

It is so often found that the men who achieve much, grow to manhood amid natural surroundings, passing their boyhood as normal human beings. Such was the case with Charles Clifford Taylor. Nothing exciting occurred during the years that he attended the public schools of New Carlisle, but during that period he was learning the lessons of honest endeavor and adherence to duty which were to be of so much assistance to him in his later life. After leaving school, he became a telegrapher for the Big Four Railroad Company, being stationed at different points, developing into station agent for the same company. In 1896 he was sent to Arcanum, Ohio, as station agent for the company, but in September, 1898, severed his connection with his old concern to become cashier of the First National Bank of Arcanum. This bank was organized in 1893 with a capital stock of \$50,000 and Daniel Francis as president and C. F. Parks as cashier, who served until September, 1898, when Mr. Taylor succeeded him. The man who is now president is M. M. Smith. Needless to say that this bank stands high in financial circles, for it is a self-evident fact that its strength is admitted over the wide territory in which it operates. It now has a capital stock of \$50,000, surplus and profits \$35,000 and assets over \$400,000. It has just completed a handsome three-story bank building of gray pressed brick on the corner of George and High streets.

On October 16, 1905, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Lovella Gilbert, a daughter of Reuben and Viola (Zuck) Gilbert. Mrs. Taylor was born in the vicinity of Arcanum, and was one of six children, namely: Edward, Lovella, Sarepta, Opal, Harry and Chalmer. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were born in Maryland and Ohio, respectively, but they now reside in Twin township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor became the parents of three children: Howard E., Florence and Catherine. Mrs. Taylor belongs to the Methodist church. Fraternally Mr. Taylor is affiliated with Ithaca Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M., and Juniata Lodge No. 162, K. of P., in which he has held all the chairs, and enjoys his associations with these orders. A

Republican, he has not only given his support to the candidates of his party, but has served it as city clerk for fifteen years. As a banker and citizen, Mr. Taylor has lived up to high ideals, and is one whose interests are directed towards securing a betterment of existing conditions and a continuance of those worthy of preservation.

HUGH L. MARTIN.

A residence of more than sixty years and a life characterized by business activity and honor well entitle Hugh Martin to more than passing mention in this work as an honored representative citizen of Darke county. His career has been one of constant industry and well-applied effort ever since young manhood and his activities have placed him among the substantial men of his community as the owner of a farm of forty-three acres, located on the Armstrong road in Washington township, about five miles from Greenville, formerly known as the old Dwyer farm. Mr. Martin was born on a farm on section 14, Washington township, Darke county, Ohio, September 28, 1852, and is a son of J. C. and Cynthia Ann (Weisner) Martin.

The Martin family has been known in Washington township for many years, where its members have always been of substantiality and general worth. J. C. Martin was born on the same farm on section 14, on which his son first saw the light of day, and in young manhood followed farming for some years, but subsequently became connected with the wholesale establishment of Henry St. Clair, and was identified therewith in various capacities for a period covering thirty years. Through a life of industry and energetic effort he gained material independence and as a citizen he well merited the respect in which he was universally held. Mr. Martin married Cynthia Ann Weisner, and they became the parents of nine children: Hugh L., Alice, Mrs. Amanda Rush, Sallie, Isaac, John, Luella, Otto and Henry, of whom John, Luella, Otto and Henry are now deceased.

Hugh Martin commenced his education in the Cole school in district No. 2, Washington township, subsequently attended school No. 3, and completed his studies in the Coletown school. During all of this time he had spent his summers in

working at farming and at whatever honorable employment offered itself, and thriftily saved his earnings. At the age of twenty years he established himself in a home of his own when he began renting land from Samuel Cole, and resided thereon until he acquired his present property, the old Dwyer farm, by purchase at a sheriff's sale. Mr. Martin has made an excellent record in his agricultural operations and his life shows what may be accomplished by firm and earnest purpose guided by sound business judgment and keen discrimination. In politics Mr. Martin is a Democrat but without aspiration for office. He has not been indifferent to the duties of citizenship, however, and has served very efficiently as a member of the school board, being in hearty sympathy with the cause of education. Having succeeded in life himself, he has at all times been ready to assist others to succeed, and has been liberal in his donations to religious movements.

In 1875 Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Mergler, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Harbarger) Mergler, and to this union there have been born six children, as follows: Laura, who became the wife of William Hipple, and is the mother of two children, Hugh H., Jr., and Fay; Margaret, who married Mack McKay and has one daughter, Annetta; H. A., who is single and assists his father in the management of the home place; Clarissa, who married C. A. Hufnagle and has six children, Paul, Evelyn, Catherine, Muriel, William and Irene; H. H., who married Lorinda Seers and resides in Washington township; and Florence, who married Lea Rupp.

ROY H. STOCKER.

Agricultural conditions in Darke county have changed to such an extent during the past several decades that the enterprising farmer who would achieve a full measure of success from his labors has been compelled to revolutionize his methods of treating the soil. Science has made numerous discoveries, powerful machinery has been invented, innovations of various natures have been introduced, and modern methods are so distantly different from those of the older generations as to make the two almost different callings. To the men of the younger generation, in large degree, are these changes due. It has been their progressive ideas which have furthered the

development of agricultural work, and to them the nation will look for a continuance of this advancement until they, in turn, are supplanted by the generations who come after. One of the progressive, energetic and thoroughly business-like young farmers of Darke county, now the manager of one hundred and seventy acres of fine land in Greenville township, located on the Stocker gravel road, about one mile from Greenville, is Roy H. Stocker. He was born March 22, 1884, on his father's farm near Lightsville, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Rhoda (Coppess) Stocker. His father was a life-long farmer, and came to Ohio from his native State of Pennsylvania as a young man, and still continues to make his home in Darke county, although at this time he is living retired from the activities of life. He and his wife have been the parents of seven children, as follows: Alva, Ora, Edward, Roy H., Bessie, who is the wife of Carl Wheeler; Orval and Clifford.

Roy H. Stocker received his education in the schools of the various localities in which his father made the family home during his boyhood, attending first in Van Buren township, later in Greenville township, and finally the Studebaker schools. With this good mental equipment, and a thorough knowledge of agricultural work gained while helping his father in the operation of the home place during the summer months, he was well prepared to begin work on his own account when he reached manhood, at which time he commenced working land on shares. He now rents land from his father and has entire management of this valuable tract, which he is working at its highest rate of production. He is wideawake, progressive and energetic and has shown that he possesses more than the average amount of business ability, so that, if the past may be taken as a criterion, he is assured of a full measure of success, as is predicted by his numerous friends.

On July 8, 1904, Mr. Stocker was united in marriage with Miss Echo Stoner, of Darke county, the estimable daughter of Denton H. and Minerva (Stingley) Stoner, honored residents of this locality. Two children have been born to this union: Helen, who is deceased, and Pauline Bessie. Mr. Stocker has been interested to some extent in fraternal work, and is a popular member of the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. He supports Democratic policies and candidates, but has had neither time nor inclination for public office.

Jacob Stocker, father of Roy H., was for six years county clerk of Darke county.

CLEMENT E. WADE.

On the Winchester turnpike, in Greenville township, not far from the city of Greenville, is located the handsomely cultivated one hundred acre farm now managed by Clement E. Wade. Mr. Wade's contribution to the agricultural interests of Darke county is one which distinguishes him as a man of good business judgment and ability, and the public-spirited citizenship which he has displayed on all occasions entitles him to the esteem and respect of his fellow-townsmen. Although not a native of Darke county, he has spent his entire business career within its borders, and the interests of his adopted community have continued during this time to be close to his heart. Mr. Wade was born in 1874, in Adams county, Indiana, and was a child when brought to Darke county by his parents, Joseph and Mary (Stover) Wade. His father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed in young manhood to Adams county, Indiana, and subsequently went to Randolph county, where he was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Deerfield.

Clement E. Wade was reared to an agricultural life, and his whole career has been devoted to tilling the soil. He was the only son of the family, although there were two daughters, Maggie and Stella, both of whom are now married, and it was necessary that he assist his father in the work of the home place, although his education was not neglected, he acquiring his literary training in the public schools of Deerfield, Indiana. Reared to traits of industry and thrift, he carefully saved his earnings, made the most of his opportunities. He has a comfortable home, fitted with modern conveniences, commodious barns for the shelter of his livestock and grain and substantial outbuildings. He is a firm believer in the use of the most highly improved machinery, and through good management and skilled methods makes his land produce full measure for the labor which he expends upon it. Reliable in his transactions, he has won and retained the confidence of those with whom he has had business engagements, and, although he has been alive to each opportunity that has presented itself, has never been one to take advantage of another's misfortune.

On April 19, 1898, Mr. Wade was united in marriage with Miss Clara Grote, a native of Darke county and a member of a well-known family. They have been the parents of two children: Mary, aged thirteen years, and Elmer aged nine. Mr.

and Mrs. Wade are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they have taken a more or less active part. Mr. Wade's political views make him a Democrat, but it has been no part of his nature to seek public preferment. His acquaintance is wide and his friends many.

FRANK G. HELMAN.

Even in an age in which youth is recognized and in a community where young men are vital forces in business and public life, few have so early attained such distinction as has come to F. G. Helman of Hillgrove, Ohio. Still under his thirtieth year, he has not only gained an enviable position in commercial circles of his community as the proprietor of a flourishing general merchandise business, but has also been brought before the public in positions of responsibility and trust, and at this time is serving both as postmaster of Hillgrove and as treasurer of Washington township. A brief review of the salient points of this young man's career should prove instructive and beneficial to those youths who without capital or influential friends are struggling for a foothold upon the ladder of success.

Mr. Helman was born June 14, 1884, near Union City, Darke county, Ohio, on the farm of his father, J. Q. Helman. The family was founded in Darke county at an early period in its history by Adam Helman of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, who came to this locality and entered government land. J. Q. Helman was born near the town of Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and was a child when brought to Darke county. Following his father's example, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he became successful by reason of his industry, energy and perseverance, and left to his family not alone a comfortable competent, but the heritage of an honorable and honored name. He married Miss Maggie Coblentz, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Roland; F. G.; Gaius; Mildred, now Mrs. Hindsley; Russell and Emmett, who are living at home.

F. G. Helman was given excellent educational advantages in his youth, attending the independent and Jackson township district schools, the Union City high school and the North Manchester College. At that time he took up the vocation of

educator, but after two years decided that commercial life was more adapted to his abilities and inclinations, and accordingly went to Brookville, Ohio, where for three years he was engaged in the grocery business. Following this, he returned to the home farm for five years, and then, in 1909, came to Hillgrove, where he recognized an opportunity for business advancement. Here he bought out an established grocery business, to which he has since added a full line of general merchandise, and from that time to the present the venture has been growing in volume and importance. He is well qualified for the successful conduct of the enterprise which he is now carrying on, and has wrought along modern business lines, recognizing opportunity and utilizing the means at hand toward the acquirement of desirable success.

In 1901 Mr. Helman was married to Miss Emma Stoner, of Darke county, and they are now the parents of four bright and intelligent children: James E., Robert, Miriam and Daniel W. In political opinions a Republican, Mr. Helman has been interested in public matters since attaining his majority. During the administration of President Taft he was appointed post-master at Hillgrove, a position which he still retains, and he has since been elected treasurer of Washington township. In both capacities he has shown marked executive ability, and the conscientious manner in which he is discharging his official duties leaves no doubt in the minds of his fellow citizens as to his public spirit and high ideals of citizenship.

HON. HARVEY C. GARBER.

"Poets are born, not made."

What is said of poets is true also, in a measure at least, of statesmen. We read much of the "self-made man," but, in an absolute sense the appellation is a misnomer. Every man has inherited powers and characteristics as well as weak tendencies which may be largely instrumental either in his making or undoing. In a large sense, however, we are what we make ourselves.

It is with these reflections that we review the life of Harvey C. Garber, who was born in a humble home in the village of Hill Grove, Darke county, Ohio, on July 6, 1865. His father, although not a professional man, was well read and took a

keen interest in the public affairs of his day. In 1867 his parents moved to Greenville, the county seat, which was to be the place of his education and the scene of his early career. Here he entered the public school and attended regularly until about thirteen years of age, when he secured a position as messenger boy with the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company. This was the modest beginning of a remarkable career, and the boy soon showed his talent and mettle by mastering the art of telegraphy in his spare moments when not delivering messages or doing chores. During the Hancock presidential campaign, although only fifteen years of age, he manifested a keen interest in politics, and dates his entry into political life from this time, no doubt being stimulated by the receiving and posting of bulletins during the campaign.

When sixteen years of age he secured a position as operator at one of the stations of the P., C., C. & St. L. railway and continued to serve this company until 1884, when he was appointed manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Greenville, a place of considerable trust and responsibility. In this office he became acquainted with many of the influential men of the town and community, and got some insight into the working of state and national affairs.

Being a Democrat by birth and training, Mr. Garber early manifested much interest in the local affairs of that party, and on September 16, 1889, went before the Democratic convention and was nominated for representative to the Ohio general assembly. He was successful at the polls in the following November, and entered the sixty-ninth assembly as its youngest member, being then in the twenty-fifth year of his age. His zeal and activity in the affairs of his party won for him a second nomination and election in the fall of 1891. While in the Ohio legislature Mr. Garber put through the county official salary law, which has since been repealed and re-enacted. He also introduced the bill providing that a railway trainman after serving continuously for twenty-four hours should have eight hours' rest before going on duty again, and another bill compelling the railways to raise all bridges crossing their right-of-way to a sufficient height to insure the safety of freight crews.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Garber married Miss Daisy Curtis, of Logan, Ohio. This union proved a most fortunate one, as Mrs. Garber is a woman of unusual tact, refinement and abil-

ity, and has assisted her husband very materially both in a social and political way, taking a keen interest in his various campaigns and helping him with advice as well as with sympathy.

In 1896 Mr. Garber became manager of the Central Union Telephone Company for the Dayton district; in 1897 was advanced to the position of assistant superintendent for Ohio, with offices at Columbus, Ohio; and in 1898 he became assistant general solicitor for the same company with headquarters at Chicago, which position he held until 1902.

During this period he kept up his interest in politics, and in 1900 was a member of both the state central and executive committees, being vice-chairman of the former. In these important positions he formed the acquaintance and won the support of many Democrats high in state and national politics and laid the foundation for a larger career.

In 1902 he was elected a member of the national house of representatives for his district with a majority of about 4,500. In 1904, during the Roosevelt campaign, he was re-elected with a majority of about 1,700, being the only Democratic congressman elected from Ohio at that time. While in congress he served on the naval committee and introduced some important measures. He also was largely instrumental in securing a government building for Greenville, which is said to have been the smallest city in the United States getting an appropriation for such a purpose up to that time.

At the expiration of his second term in congress he returned to the service of the Central Union as assistant to the president. Upon the suggestion of Robert B. Jamison, of Greenville, it is said, Garber, then chairman of the state committee, picked John H. Pattison, president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, to run for governor of Ohio in 1905, and was largely responsible for his election. From that time to the present the state has regularly gone Democratic, and Garber is credited with formulating the plan that broke up the old Republican state organization.

He was elected a member of the national committee from Ohio in 1908 and served until 1912, acting also as vice-chairman of the congressional executive committee.

In 1912 he was chosen manager of the Wilson presidential campaign in Ohio and helped to break Governor Harmon's hold on the Ohio delegation.

About this time he became a stockholder in the Ralston

Steel Car Company at Columbus, Ohio, of which he was made vice-president in 1912. .

Among his striking traits of character to which is attributed his remarkable political success are: indefatigable industry during a campaign, at which time it is a common practice for him to work sixteen hours a day; relentless prosecution of the workers of the opposite party, following the real or reputed enemy to his lair and crushing out opposition; exacting attention to minor details, following up the suggestion of subordinate workers and leaving no stone unturned until he has satisfied the complaints of the disgruntled and aligned every possible worker for the fray. With him political success is no mere matter of chance, but comes largely as the result of careful planning, perseverance and hard work.

Mr. Garber is still in the prime of life and may add many trophies to his long list of accomplishments before his life force is spent.

JAMES H. PASSON.

While Darke county's commercial and industrial interests are large and well represented, it is essentially a farming community, and its most substantial citizens are connected in one way or another with agriculture. Its soil and climatic conditions are of a nature nearly ideal for the raising of large crops of grain, its pasture lands afford excellent opportunities for the raising of stock, and its railroad facilities are such as to encourage the tiller of land. Nevertheless, here as elsewhere, success does not come for the mere asking. In the brisk competition of modern times, the man who gains a full measure of prosperity from his operations must be possessed of more than the ordinary business ability, must be alive to opportunity and must study closely the advancements which mark the progress of his chosen calling. An excellent example of scientific farming is found at the Midway farm, a tract of one hundred and thirteen acres, located on the Union City turnpike, about six miles from Greenville, in Washington township, the owner of which, James H. Passon, is conceded to be one of his locality's premier agriculturists.

Mr. Passon's career has been one of unflagging industry from early manhood. He was born October 28, 1853, near Pikeville, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of William and

Margaret (McKee) Passon. His father was a native of Miami county, Ohio, and was twelve years of age when he came to Darke county, and here completed his education, learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed for some years, and finally engaged in farming, in which he spent the greater part of his active life. He was a man of industry and enterprise and through well-directed effort was able to amass a competency for his declining years. He and his wife were the parents of two children, James H. and Mary, who is now the wife of Benjamin Deavor.

The early education of James H. Passon was secured in the subscription schools near Brock, later went to the Avery school in Greenville township, and completed his studies in the Coletown school. During this period, in the summer months, he worked for his father, but the first money he earned on his own account was in cutting wood, which he sold to a railroad company, the D. & U. railroad, in 1870, with which money he bought a young horse. With his father, he learned the trade of plasterer, but this did not claim his attention for any protracted period, as his inclination was for farming, and he found more profit therein. For five years he was a renter of land, and he then heard the call of the west, but did not long remain away from his native county. He remained at home with his mother at Coletown and worked at his trade for one year, but in 1881 located on the Benjamin Deavor farm, which he operated for one year. His next venture, and one which proved very profitable, was the renting of the John Fox farm, on which he continued agricultural operations until he was able to purchase his present property. This he has developed into one of the finest country places in Washington township, and the general air of prosperity which hovers about the land evidences forcibly the presence of his able management and thrift. Modern ideas have always found in Mr. Passon a staunch supporter. While he is practical and conservative, he is ever ready to experiment with something that promises to aid his work, and in this way has discovered many useful devices and accessories. His buildings, staunchly built, are handsome and commodious and tend to make the Midway farm still more valuable. In addition to his general farming operations, Mr. Passon makes a hobby of raising livestock, and each year sells a number of cattle and hogs to the shippers.

Mr. Passon was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Trostle, who

died in 1892 and was buried at Coletown cemetery. Two children were born to this union: Myrtle L., who is now deceased, and Elva P., who is the wife of Russell Stump. Mr. Passon's second marriage was to Mary C. Lane, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Vanderveer) Lane, the former born near Carlisle, Montgomery county, Ohio, and the latter in Warren county, this State. There were seven children in the Lane family: Elinor, James, Gilbert P., Margaret, Mary C., who married Mr. Passon, and Benjamin D. and Jennie, who are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Passon there have been born five children: S. Loure, Ray, Bessie J., James E. and Robert E.

Mr. Passon has ever been liberal in his donations to religious and worthy charitable movements, as, having succeeded himself, he is ready to assist others to success. His political views make him a Republican, and he has long been accounted one of the stalwart supporters of the grand old party in Darke county. The high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens has been frequently expressed by his election to places of responsibility and trust, he having served for many years as a member of the school board and for five years as trustee of Washington township, and on one occasion was his party's candidate for a position on the board of county commissioners, but met with defeat by reason of political conditions here in Darke county at that time. His public service has ever been characterized by faithful performance of duty and high ideals of the responsibilities attending office, and has only served to further him in the confidence of those among whom he has lived so long.

HON. ELMER ELLSWORTH CALDERWOOD.

It would be difficult to name an essential element in the progress and development of Greenville, Ohio, that does not bear the impress of the strong individuality of Elmer Ellsworth Calderwood. An important factor in the field of law, a prominent figure in finance as the head of a prosperous loan business, a public-spirited citizen striving always for his community's educational and moral interests, he gained the approval of the people in such a degree that in 1913 they elected him Greenville's mayor. A worthy son of a worthy and honored father, he steadfastly endeavored to maintain the reputation built up by the elder man, and Greenville had every reason to name him as one of its most representative sons.

Mr. Calderwood was born in Greenville December 19, 1860, and was a son of Judge Andrew Robinson and Mary (Thorp) Calderwood, a complete review of the father being given on another page of this work.

Elmer E. Calderwood had the usual public school experience, and proved himself an industrious pupil. On leaving school he entered the office of the **Greenville Courier**, where he learned the trade of printer, and in 1887 became manager of the Braddock (Pa.) **Daily News**, but in the following summer returned to Greenville and took up the study of law. He had excellent benefits under the preceptorship of his father, and soon after his admission to the bar, October 5, 1893, opened offices in Greenville, where he continued to the time of his death. His practice was confined to the larger financial matters and handling of estates, and in each direction he showed his profound knowledge of his calling, his devotion to its best ethics and his conscientious attention to the interests of his clients. Mr. Calderwood, however, was probably better known in the money loaning business. Having paid considerable attention to property values, he added the real estate and loan business to his practice soon after his admission to the bar. This brought him into correspondence with capitalists and financial institutions throughout the country, who engaged him to make loans for them in the middle west. His career in this line was an extensive one and was marked by an unequalled success.

Mr. Calderwood cast his first presidential vote in 1884 for James G. Blaine, and he never ceased to be a stalwart adherent of Republican principles. He became his party's candidate for mayor in 1913, and although Greenville usually gives a Democrat at least 300 plurality, Mr. Calderwood carried the election by the comfortable margin of 108 votes. His business and official duties, with his law practice, demanded the greater part of Mr. Calderwood's time. What remained was usually spent in his home, although he enjoyed the companionship of his fellow men and was a popular and valued member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

On July 31, 1901, Mr. Calderwood was united in marriage with Miss Ida Gilbert, who was born and reared in Greenville, a daughter of C. Wesley and Cora B. (Van Tilburg) Gilbert. Four children blessed this union, as follows: Mary Ann, born September 24, 1903; Andrew Robinson, born December 13, 1904; Kathryn Louise, born March 3, 1907, and Frances Belle, born December 28, 1911.

J. A. McGRIFF.

With supreme faith in the future of Darke county, with the ability to profit by present conditions, and possessing a desire to assist others in doing so, J. A. McGriff, of Neave township, is considered one of the most progressive and enterprising men of his community. Mr. McGriff has been an extensive traveler and has visited many states, so that his judgment in regard to the desirability of conditions in the section in which he lives may be taken as an experienced and reliable one. At this time he is the owner of ninety-seven acres of well-cultivated land, situated about one mile west of Weavers Station. Mr. McGriff is a native son of Darke county, having been born on the old McGriff farm in Twin township, April 29, 1849, a son of Price and Jane (Mulnix) McGriff.

Thomas McGriff, the great-grandfather of J. A. McGriff, was born in the north of Ireland, and came to America during colonial days, settling in Virginia. There he took part in much of the Indian warfare that took place in that colony, and on one occasion he and two brothers were captured by the hostiles and until they made their escape experienced a great deal of suffering. Thomas McGriff was married in Virginia, had a family of eleven children, and spent his days in agricultural pursuits. Patrick McGriff, the grandfather of J. A. McGriff, was born in Virginia in 1786, grew to manhood as a farmer, and purchased his father's claim. During the war of 1812 he fought valiantly as a soldier from the Old Dominion, and some time after the close of that struggle joined the tide of emigration westward and settled in Preble county, Ohio, where he died in 1854, burial being made at West Manchester. He married Elizabeth Price, who was also a native of Virginia, and they became the parents of several children.

Price McGriff was born in Preble county, Ohio, August 18, 1820, was educated in the common schools near his father's farm, and discharged the duties that fell to the lot of the farmers' sons of his day. At the age of twenty-three years he became a pioneer of Twin township, Darke county, and for about three years was employed in clearing land, then becoming a renter on a Twin township farm, on which he remained for some seven years. At this time he purchased land in Butler township and established a home, having one-half section in that locality as well as some land in Twin township.

He was known as one of the substantial farmers of his time, and at his death left his family in possession of a valuable property, as well as the priceless heritage of an honored name. Mr. McGriff married Miss Jane Mulnix, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: John B., who is deceased; Mary E., who married Mr. Melling, and is deceased; J. A., of this review; W. P.; Phoebe J., who married Mr. Wolverton and is deceased; Samantha, who married Mr. McLearn, and Cordelia, who married Mr. Broderick.

J. A. McGriff was about four years of age when taken by his parents to Butler township, and there he began his education in the district schools, this being subsequently supplemented by attendance in the public schools of Castine. During all of his school period he assisted his father with the work of the home farm, and by the time he reached his majority he was thoroughly capable of handling a property of his own. Accordingly he began renting land from his father, and several years later, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Jacob Wolverton, he purchased 175 acres of land, which, after three years of this association, was evenly divided. Not long thereafter Mr. McGriff sold his share back and for a short time traveled through various southern states, but finally located in Illinois, where he also remained a short time. After the death of his first wife, he returned to Darke county and entered the implement business, but after some experience in this line again took up farming, which he has followed with a full measure of success to the present. At this time he has ninety-seven acres of good land, all under cultivation, which he is making produce abundantly for the labor expended upon it. His methods are modern and progressive, and in every branch of his vocation he has had the satisfaction of "making good." Mr. McGriff has been a member of the Christian church since his boyhood days. In political matters a progressive Democrat he has been prominent in the ranks of his party, serving as treasurer of Butler township for eleven years and as a member of the school board, and on one occasion being a candidate for the state legislature. Mr. McGriff, although having reached advanced years, is wide-awake and progressive, and he and his family have a wide circle of friends, to whom the hospitality of their own pleasant home is freely and graciously accorded.

Mr. McGriff was (first) married to Martha Jane Holesapple, daughter of David and Ann (Crawford) Holesapple, and to

this union there were born two children: Levi, who married Carrie Krickenbarger and had one daughter, Cora, who married Mr. Neff, and O. P., who married and had two children, Roland and Grace. Mr. McGriff was married (second) in Darke county, Ohio, to Miss Lizzie Emrick, daughter of Daniel and Frances (Micksell) Emrick, and five children were born to this union: Walter, who married Jennie Long and has seven children, Ruth, Opal, Harry, Jay, Mary, Gertrude and Dorothy; Granville, who married Mary Rodgers and has two children, Wealthy and Hazel; Perry, who married Pearl Fleet and has three children, Doris, Muriel and Kenneth; Gertrude, who lives at home with her parents, and Herbert, also at home.

FRAZER E. WILSON.

The compiler and editor of the historical volume of this work is the son of Augustus N. and Sarah C. (Niswonger) Wilson, whose biographies appear in this book. He is the third of a family of seven living children and was born in Dallas (now Ansonia), Ohio, on Sunday, September 10, 1871. In the spring of 1873 the Wilson family moved to Greenville, Ohio, and it was here that the subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days, and received his early education. On May 23, 1890, he was graduated from the Greenville high school and later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and Oberlin College. In 1892 he became a member of the firm of A. N. Wilson & Sons, in the dry goods and carpet business, in which business he has been engaged most of the time since. The pursuit of a mercantile career, however, has never completely engrossed his attention, and he has devoted much of his spare time to the cultivation of his natural talents and peculiar inclinations. In his high school days he manifested much interest in natural science, especially in geology, but later turned his attention to the study of local history, archeology, ethnology and kindred subjects. Desiring to reconstruct a brief, reliable and readable account of the early campaigns of St. Clair and Wayne and the peace which followed he published "The Treaty of Greenville" in 1894 on the eve of the centennial of that important event. This work he later rewrote and published it in 1909, under the title "The Peace of Mad Anthony," placing it in some of the largest

and best libraries in the United States. He was instrumental in founding the public museum in 1901, and has served as one of its curators ever since. He was also a charter member of the Greenville Historical Society, serving as its first president and now holding the office of secretary in that organization. This society placed the memorial bronze tablet commemorating the Treaty of Greenville, in 1906, erected the Fort Jefferson boulder monument at Fort Jefferson in 1907, and has assisted materially in building up the museum. For his contributions to the publications of the Ohio Archeological and Historical Society and the promotion of its work he was made a life member of that society July 5, 1907. He is also a member of the Fort Recovery Monumental Association.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1904, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Pearle Larimer, eldest daughter of John Wright and Caroline (Mowen) Larimer.

The Larimer family was of Scotch-Irish descent and settled at an early date in Pennsylvania. Isaac Larimer, the grandfather of John W., settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, with the pioneer families. He enlisted as a volunteer from Fairfield county in the war of 1812, serving as ensign in Captain George Saunderson's company, Ohio Militia, from April 16, 1812, to April 16, 1813, was taken prisoner at the capture of Detroit, and is said to have been the only officer in his regiment who was allowed to retain his sword, which now hangs in the public museum in Greenville.

Isaac Larimer, his son, was born September 14, 1808, and was a man of great decision of character and vigorous intellect. With meager schooling he applied himself to the study of the literature and politics of his day, and became a forceful and ready impromptu speaker. He was a Democrat, but became a strong advocate of abolition during the Lincoln and Douglas campaign. He represented his district, comprising Perry, Hocking and Fairfield counties, in the Ohio legislature, in which he served two terms. On October 9, 1838, he married Margaret Ray, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ray. Isaac Larimer and his wife were both stanch Presbyterians, and took an active part in the work of that church. To them were born two sons and four daughters. John Wright Larimer, the fifth in order of birth, was born near Lexington, Perry county, June 24, 1846. He spent his early days in Perry and Fairfield counties, where he assisted in the work of farming and received his education, which was cut short by the breaking out

of the civil war. He enlisted in Company B of the 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, February 23, 1864, and served to the close of the war, being present in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign on Sherman's famous "march to the sea." In 1865 he came to Darke county with his parents, who settled about two miles southeast of Greenville.

On November 12, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret C. Mowen, daughter of David and Sarah (Hartle) Mowen. To them were born one son, and four daughters, the son, Isaac Wright, having died at the age of nine years. His daughters are Pearle (Wilson); Ethel; Sara, who did much of the transcribing of Vol. I of this book, and Virginia, who graduated from the Greenville high school in 1906. Mrs. Larimer and daughters are members of the Reformed Church, in the work of which they have shown much interest.

Mrs. Larimer is the daughter of one of the pioneer families of Richland township, where she was reared and educated, and is a woman of high character and ideals and manifests much interest in the affairs of state and church.

After spending the most active years of their married life on the farm where, by inheritance, purchase, hard labor and sacrifice, they secured and greatly improved a fine farm of about 160 acres, they moved to Greenville in 1901, where they later purchased themselves a home on Wayne avenue, in which they still reside.

Mr. Larimer has taken an active interest in the local affairs of the Republican party, having served its interests in various capacities. He has been for many years an enthusiastic member of Champion Lodge No. 742, I. O. O. F., having passed all the chairs, and has been a faithful member of Jobes Post, G. A. R., of Greenville, in which he served as commander. Like his father, he is a man of decided convictions, and manifests much interest in public affairs.

Mr. Larimer's mother died November 28, 1873, and his father January 25, 1874.

Pearle Larimer Wilson has taken much interest in the work of the Reformed Church, which she joined in her youth.

Frazer E. Wilson has been identified with Sunday school work since a child, being during his boyhood years a member of the M. E. Sunday school of Greenville. In the spring of 1896 he joined the Central Congregational Church of Dayton, in which city he then lived, and took an active part in the work of that church until it disbanded about 1899. After his

marriage he transferred his membership to St. Paul's Reformed Church October 2, 1904, and has remained an active member ever since, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school, teacher of the men's class, deacon and church clerk, and member of the building committee, believing that the work of these organizations is second in interest and importance to no other. For years he has been a student of church history and religious literature, in which subjects he is much interested.

On November 7, 1901, Mr. Wilson was elected treasurer of the city of Greenville on the Republican ticket and served two years in that capacity, and as treasurer of the board of education.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reside on the corner of Wayne avenue and Sater street, where they built themselves a home in the summer of 1904. They are the parents of three children: John Larimer, born October 13, 1905; Wayne Alden, born November 29, 1908, and Miriam, born March 30, 1912.

IRA McGRIFF.

During the past several decades so many changes have been made in agricultural pursuits as to almost have revolutionized the world-old calling. Today the farmer is one of the most independent men in the country, for to him humanity looks for its sustenance, and for this and other reasons the farmer makes money and enjoys luxuries which his forebears would have never dreamed of. One of the substantial and progressive men of Darke county who is assisting to maintain the county's agricultural supremacy and is thereby furthering his own interests, is Ira McGriff, a member of a family widely and favorably known in this part of the State. Mr. McGriff is now the owner of eighty acres of fine land lying on the township line between Twin and Butler townships, and has acquired his property solely through the force of his own industry and good management. He was born on the farm which he now occupies, in 1873, and is a son of Alfred and Martha Jane (Rynearson) McGriff. Both parents are deceased and are buried in the Twin Chapel cemetery. Alfred McGriff was born in Preble county, Ohio, a son of Patrick McGriff, also born in that county, where the family was founded by the great-grandfather of Ira Mc-

Griff, who emigrated to the United States from the north of Ireland at an early period in this country's history. He landed at New Orleans and made his way up the Mississippi river, finally locating in Preble county, where he took up land from the government, under the administration of President John Adams. Since that time the family has been closely identified with the agricultural interests of this part of the State, and has also been prominent in the work of the United Brethren church. Alfred McGriff was a young man when he came to Darke county, here settled in Twin township, where he continued active agricultural operations throughout a long and useful life. He was married here to Martha Jane Rynearson, and they became the parents of six children: Permelia and Ardilla, who are deceased; Amanda, a resident of Castine Ohio; Eli, a resident of Butler township; George, who is deceased, having passed away at the age of twenty-one years, and Ira.

Ira McGriff was given good educational advantages, attending the district school of his native locality and the high school at West Manchester. Upon the completion of his studies he concentrated all of his energies upon farming, to which he had been devoted from earliest youth during the time he was away from his studies. He commenced by renting land from his father, and gradually accumulated the home property by purchase, in the meantime making numerous improvements and adding to the equipment and stock. He is now recognized as one of the substantial men of his community and is widely and favorably known in business circles, where his name is a recognized one on commercial paper.

On May 5, 1897, Mr. McGriff was united in marriage with Miss Ella Moist, of Darke county, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Marie Dale, fifteen years of age, who is attending the same school in which her father started. Mr. McGriff is interested in fraternal work, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he has numerous friends. He supports religious movements liberally, but is not a professed member of any denomination. Mr. McGriff's political opinions make him a Democrat, and at this time he is a member of the Central Committee. His home is often the gathering place for many of his warm friends, who delight in visiting him and enjoying the generous hospitality which is characteristic of both Mr. and Mrs. McGriff.

JOHN F. WANDEL.

The business interests of Arcanum, Ohio, are heavy and varied, offering opportunities for development and advancement, for the city is in the midst of a rich farming community that looks to this point as a source of supplies, as well as a market for farm products. While the opportunities are great, however, here as elsewhere the men who succeed in business life are those possessed of superior ability, steadfastness and fidelity, and in this class stands John F. Wandel, the proprietor of a flourishing farm implement business and a citizen with large and varied connection. While Mr. Wandel has been a very busy man he has found time from his manifold interests to serve his community in offices of trust and responsibility, and as president of the board of trustees of Twin township and a member of the board of county commissioners of Darke county he is doing much to promote the welfare of his community. Mr. Wandel was born in Madison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and is a son of George F. and Christina (Couch) Wandel.

George F. Wandell was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, was there reared and educated, and, as is the custom, served three years in the German army. Like thousands of his fellow countrymen he felt that better opportunities for advancement awaited him in the new world, and accordingly, in 1847, he emigrated to this country. He arrived in time to participate in the Mexican war as a soldier in the United States army, and following his discharge took up farming operations. At the outbreak of the Civil war he answered his adopted country's call for troops, enlisting in the Seventy-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, with which organization he fought for three years, meeting a soldier's death on the field of battle. His record was an excellent one and he was esteemed alike by officers and comrades. He left a widow and five children: George F., Emanuel, Mary A., who is now Mrs. Mock; Rose, who married Mr. Murray and resides at Salem, Ohio; Barbara F., who married Mr. Giskey and makes her home at Dayton, this State.

George F. Wandel received his education in the schools of Union City, the Mount Pleasant school near Dayton, and the schools of Stringtown, but the early death of his father made it necessary that he early begin his struggle with life, and he bravely gave up his education and started out to work by the

day and later by the month, his earnings being contributed to his mother for the support of the family. At the age of twenty-two years he commenced farming on shares in Montgomery county, and for four years was a resident of Madison township, following which he came to Butler township, Darke county, and took up a tract of land. He continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits there until 1900, at which time he embarked in the implement business at Arcanum, and this has since been his field of endeavor. Through progressive methods and able management he has been able to build up a fine trade, and is known at this time as one of his community's most substantial men. In politics he is one of his county's most prominent Democrats, and has served as township treasurer of Butler township and is now president of the township board of trustees of Twin township. At the elections in 1913 he was made a member of the board of county commissioners, and took office in September of that year. His service has been characterized by a devotion to duty and conscientious regard for the responsibilities of his position that are as rare as they are commendable. His religious connection is with the Reformed church, which he attends at Arcanum.

On April 8, 1875, Mr. Wandell was united in marriage with Miss Dora C. Wetzel of Franklin township, Darke county. They have had no children.

CHARLES IRVEN DELK.

Charles Irvén Delk, an enterprising and successful builder and contractor of Pittsburg, Ohio, has erected the majority of the modern residences and barns in his part of the county and has also had the contracts for a large number of public and business buildings in the surrounding country. One of the excellent buildings he has put up is the two-story brick hotel, of which he is proprietor and which is now the family home. He was born in the village of Liberty, Montgomery county, Ohio, June 22, 1857, second child of Joseph and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Delk, the former born on a farm near Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, January 25, 1834, the son of Ethelred and Nancy Delk.

Ethelred Delk, thought to have been a native of Pennsylvania (although his grandson is not positive of this fact), was

born February 16, 1784, was a man of good education and in early life taught school in Darke county. Mr. Thomas, formerly a merchant of Ithaca, and now succeeded in business by his son Will, at the age of eighty years related that he attended school near Ithaca when Ethelred Delk was the teacher. He died February 14, 1838, when his son Joseph was but four years old, and his wife, who was born December 23, 1799, died August 19, 1835, when Joseph was but one year old. There were nine children in the family, Joseph being the youngest.

In early childhood Joseph Delk was taken into the home of a stranger, who put him to work at a tender age and gave him small opportunity to obtain an education. Joseph's boyhood was one of toil and deprivation and as a young man he served four years' apprenticeship to learn the trade of blacksmith at Liberty, Ohio. Later he worked at Gettysburg, Darke county, where he conducted a shop on his own account for a period of three years. He subsequently removed to a farm near New Lebanon and there carried on his trade in conjunction with farming, having a shop on his land. He was married February 15, 1855, at Gettysburg, to Mary Ann Gilbert, daughter of Isaac Gilbert, and a native of Maryland. Her mother died when she was a child, and at the age of nineteen years, with her two younger sisters, she walked all the way from her old home to Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, to make a home with their father's brother, James Gilbert. She met her future husband in the hotel at Liberty and they located on a farm in the neighborhood, where their first children were born. They moved thence to Painter Creek, and from there to what is now known as Old Pittsburg, where Joseph Delk bought a lot and erected a home, and there the mother died June 25, 1879, after a residence of fourteen years there. Joseph Delk worked some twenty years at his trade in Old Pittsburg. There were six children in the family, namely: John Allen, of Twin township; Charles I., of his sketch; James M., of Dayton; Altha, wife of Philip Waybright, lives near Dayton in Trotwood, Montgomery county; Silas, a farmer living near Pittsburg; Carlton G., of Pittsburg. Joseph Delk married again, but there were no children by the second marriage. He lived for a time at Miamisburg, but subsequently came to live with his son John at Pittsburg, where his death occurred May 16, 1885. He is buried by the side of his first wife in Mote cemetery, at Old

Pittsburg. He was a Democrat in politics and at one time served as turnpike commissioner of Monroe township. He and his wife belonged to the German Baptist Church and were much interested in church work.

After receiving a common school education, Mr. Delk helped his father in the shop, having commenced this occupation as a child by blowing the bellows and learning to strike hot iron on the anvil. He became quite proficient and would have finished learning the trade of blacksmith, but his mother thought it too hard work and wished him to take up some other line. At the age of eighteen years, therefore, he became apprentice to the trade of carpenter, and received fourteen dollars per month while learning. He spent four years with Mr. David W. Niswonger, at the end of which time he was taken in as partner by Mr. Niswonger, which arrangement lasted another four years. He then began contracting and building on his own account, which he has since continued. He purchased a lot in Pittsburg at a time when there were but four buildings there—a store, blacksmith shop and two residences, the former being the present building of the First National Bank, the blacksmith shop being near it and the two houses south of the shop. The fifth building to be erected was Mr. Delk's one-story frame house, on the second lot south of the other two residences. After Charles I. Delk had erected a home in Pittsburg his sister kept house for him and they made a home for the younger brothers until they made homes for themselves, and the sister continued to reside with the subject for some fifteen years after his marriage, until her own marriage. These two helped the younger ones to gain a start in life and took a commendable interest in their welfare. The following March he moved to Dayton and enjoyed a profitable business there, but he much preferred to live in Darke county, and seven months later returned to Pittsburg. When he married he mortgaged his home for \$500 and used it in his business. He has prospered well in business and there are probably not over twenty houses in the town of Pittsburg that were built by anyone else, and he has put up most of the modern farm houses in the country surrounding Pittsburg. In 1906 he secured a contract to erect the hotel for Mr. Young, which is the best built country hotel to be found in the county. In 1907 he erected the combined residence and store now occupied by Mr. William Young, and in 1909 erected a house for himself

on the main street of the town, but the following year sold it to David Baker, and in 1912 erected a home on the corner of Baker and Oak streets. This is a two-story brick building 36 by 34 feet, not including porches, with a basement under the entire building, with slate roof, hot air heating system, hot and cold water system and a motor pump to raise water from the cistern, which holds 150 barrels. He has put in hardwood floors and the finishing is of quarter-sawed oak. This was the family home until February, 1914, when they moved to the Hotel Pittsburg, which he had purchased a short time previously. It was at the earnest request of Mrs. Delk that he embarked in hotel business, which she conducts and leaves him free to look after his contracting. He has a large force of men in his employ, many of whom have been in his employ for years. In 1909 he erected the Franklin township high school building, and besides a large number of fine residences, he put up in 1914 a large garage in Arcanum. In 1895 he erected the high school building in Arlington, the other substantial and handsome buildings for which he has executed contracts being too numerous to mention.

In politics Mr. Delk is a Democrat. He has never cared for office, but has served as councilman from the time Pittsburg was incorporated until 1914. In 1910 he was active in the promotion and organization of the First National Bank in Pittsburg, served as second vice-president from that time to the present, as well as a director. In 1909 he became interested in the manufacture of cement posts, and took stock in the company in order to help local industry.

On December 14, 1890, Mr. Delk was united in marriage with Miss Dora Ella Niswonger, of Monroe township, born April 17, 1862, on a farm near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, daughter of Eli and Mary Ann (Coffman) Niswonger, who was but two years old when her parents moved to a farm of ninety acres the father had inherited in Monroe township. This was not cleared of woods and the father cleared a place for a home, erecting a two-story log house, which is still used as a dwelling, having been enlarged and remodeled. Her father was born on the same farm as Mrs. Delk, and was a son of George and Betsy (Warner) Niswonger, the former also born on the same farm. In childhood Mrs. Delk walked two miles to school, often through deep mud, but was determined to make the most of her opportunities for education. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Delk:

Margaret, born in Pittsburg May 12, 1892, a graduate of academic work in the North Manchester College at North Manchester, Indiana, has had one year of college training there; Fred, born March 27, 1895, and William, born July 8, 1900, also in Pittsburg. The parents of these children have been active members of the German Baptist Church, now Church of the Brethren, in Pittsburg for many years, and their daughter, who is a Sunday school teacher, is also active in church work in the same society. They have a number of warm friends and are well known for sincere hospitality.

WILLIAM ALBERT CHENOWETH.

William Albert Chenoweth, a successful merchant of Glenn Karn, Ohio, belongs to one of Darke county's old and honored families, whose name stands for integrity, honesty and good citizenship. He is the owner of a modern and well-organized department store and is one of the most progressive men of the county. He is well known in the region, where he has taken a prominent part in various affairs for many years. He was born in Randolph county, Indiana, December 26, 1854, and is a son of Charles Wesley and Minerva (Harrison) Chenoweth, the latter a daughter of James Harrison, granddaughter of Jesse Harrison, who was a grand-nephew of the Indian fighter, William Henry Harrison. Charles Wesley Chenoweth was born six miles from Hampstead, Carroll county, Maryland, near Baltimore, in 1830, and now lives retired in Hollansburg. He is a son of William and Keturah (Murray) Chenoweth. William Chenoweth and wife removed, with their children, to Darke county, in 1838, but two years later went on west to Randolph county, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their lives. He was born on the same farm as his son Charles W., near Hampstead, in 1804, and died in 1876, and his wife was born near the same place in 1806 and died in 1894. They had eight children born in Maryland and five born in Randolph county, Indiana, and four now survive: Charles Wesley; Oliver Murray and Edward Milton, of Lynn, Indiana; Joshua Bayson, of Fountain City, Indiana, who is seventy-two years old and a veteran of the Civil war, having served with an Indiana regiment. Two sons, William C. and Benjamin Franklin, died within the last

two years, and another son, Frank, served from 1861 to 1864 in the Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Charles Wesley Chenoweth is now retired from active life and resides in Hollansburg, but was for many years a farmer in German and Harrison townships, locating in the latter about 1875. He served in the Civil war and participated in a number of sharp skirmishes. He helped clear his father's farm in Indiana and knew all the hardships and trials of pioneer existence, as well as its joys and compensations. His wife, who was born in German township, Darke county, in 1837, died in 1878, and was buried in Hollansburg. There were seven children born to him and his wife, of whom five now survive, namely: William Albert, whose name is at the head of this article; James A., of Hollansburg; Keturah, wife of George Sharpe, of Harrison township, deceased; Washington E., who died in 1908, was a resident of Indiana; Morton M., of Richmond, Indiana; Ella Belle, wife of Carl Woods, of Hollansburg; E. E., of Hollansburg. He has been a deacon since 1864 in the Christian church and is one of the largest contributors, being always generous in his help. He has served many times as trustee of the church. In early manhood he amassed a fortune of some thirty thousand dollars, to which he has added continuously since. He has been one of the most successful farmers in his portion of the state, and stands high as an enterprising business man and a solid, substantial and exemplary citizen. He has been a delegate to the conference of the church many times and has always greatly enjoyed these trips, sometimes accompanied by his wife and sometimes going alone. He belongs to the G. A. R., but they have no local organization, so he seldom has an opportunity to attend their meetings. His second wife was Mary Ann Felton, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, born September 27, 1846, daughter of Charles D. and Hannah G. (Priesley) Felton, also natives of Pennsylvania. This marriage took place September 4, 1879, and two children have been born of this union, the elder of whom died in infancy, the other being Ethel Olga, born near Hollansburg March 11, 1886. She took a course in business college at Richmond, Indiana, and is now the wife of Lert Reid, of New Paris, Ohio. She is also a member of the Christian church.

William A. Chenoweth attended the rural schools in boyhood and later studied at Whitewater and Lynn, Indiana, and

took a course at the Union Christian College at Marion, Indiana, after which he taught school five years, with gratifying success, in Randolph and Wayne counties, Indiana, also in Darke county, Ohio. He then took up farming and carried on this occupation for five years in German township, and one year taught school in connection with his farming. During this time he worked three years for his father and two years on his own account, and has a natural aptitude for this kind of work. He was married January 25, 1877, to Miss Rosa Thomas, born on the farm in Glen Karn, German township, which is now the family home of Mr. Chenoweth, January 5, 1858, daughter of Harrison and Sarah (Miller) Thomas. Mr. Thomas was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in 1890, esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He was one of those rare men who are able to go through life without forming enemies and who inspire interest and friendship wherever they go. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, also a local preacher for the Methodist church and always a generous contributor towards its support. Such men are the salt of the earth, and it is a great privilege to know and associate with them. He was buried at Hollansburg. Mrs. Thomas, born in Kentucky in 1823, died in February, 1910, and was buried beside her husband. She was a true helpmeet and left many friends to mourn her loss. They had six children and five are now living, namely: Emily, who died at the age of one year; Mary, wife of John Hartzell, of Greenville; Enos, of Harrison township; W. L., of Darke county; Mrs. Chenoweth; Jennie, widow of Monroe Albright, of Glen Karn.

The Thomas farm is well known by that name and was first owned by George Thomas, father of Harrison Thomas, who bought a large tract of land from the government, then in the wilderness and covered with trees. He had to clear and lay out his fields, and in those early days there were Indians roaming about these woods, hunting the wild deer, which were plentiful. There were also wild turkeys and other game in plenty. The settlers were more or less afraid of the Indians, but grew accustomed to seeing them pass their homes. According to pioneer custom, they established a graveyard in one corner of the farm. The house which now stands on the Thomas farm was erected by Harrison Thomas.

For five years after his marriage Mr. Chenoweth remained on his father's farm in German township, then spent two years

at Hollansburg, during which he opened a grocery store in Glen Karn in 1882. He also had a grain business, which he dropped after carrying it on a couple of years, but enlarged the store and still conducts it. Mr. Chenoweth put up the first residence in Glen Karn, occupied the first business house, shipped out the first carload of grain, and shipped in the first goods, which arrived before his building was finished. He began to sell goods before the store was finished. During the first year he did a \$6,000 business with a \$500 stock, the room in which it was conducted being the present parlor and the stockroom the present sitting room. In 1890, however, his father built an appropriate building for his business and he moved into it. This building was burned in August, 1894, and Mr. Chenoweth then purchased the lot where his business now stands, and built a more modern store building, so that he was able to increase his stock. He then carried some \$10,000 worth of goods and his yearly sales aggregated from \$18,000 to \$20,000 annually. He has steadily progressed in his business and in 1902 added two or three more rooms and added to his stock, so that he carries about \$15,000 worth of stock and his yearly sales amount to \$50,000 to \$60,000. He has taken a prominent part in all the affairs of the town and he it was who chose the name of Glen Karn, prefixing the word Glen to the name of Karn, Mr. Karn then owning land there which is now the property of Mr. Chenoweth. In 1910 he bought the farm where the town was started, formerly owned by Mr. Thomas, and now owns ninety-seven acres of land, three acres having been taken off this farm for the railroad. He was largely instrumental in having a postoffice established there and in securing a good school. He has been active in bringing about many needed improvements in the community, such as good roads and proper ditching and drainage. He has been ambitious to secure all the good things possible for Glen Karn, and works with such enthusiasm and to such good purpose that he is wonderfully successful in his undertakings. He stands high in business and financial circles and is known to have high principles in his dealings with others. He is a Republican in politics and has served in many offices locally. He was an assessor of German township, for many years a member of the school board and at present is a member of the special district school board, being much interested in the cause of education. This is partly because he was a teacher in early life and remembers

his own ambition to gain the best education possible, and also because he is the friend of progress in everything. His first presidential vote was cast for Rutherford B. Hayes (whom he had met personally), in 1876. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Hollansburg, and is popular in all circles.

Six sons and two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth, all in Darke county: Vernon E., born January 22, 1878, married Lelah Downing, lives at Glen Karn, and their only child, a daughter Norma, who is a graduate of Hollansburg high school and of Greenville high school, will attend college the following winter, being now seventeen years of age; Oral O., born September 11, 1880, married Cora Skinner, lives at Owens, Ohio, and they have one son, Harold Chenoweth, six years old; Shirley D., born July 26, 1882, a resident of Glen Karn, married Lessie Pittenger, and they have a daughter, Helen, born in May, 1909; Nettie May, born December 11, 1884, married William I. Harrison, of Union City, Indiana, who is a railway mail clerk, running on the Big Four Railway from Cleveland to St. Louis; Clarence R., born October 2, 1886, of Glen Karn, married Della Foutz, and they have two sons, Howard and Lester; Harry Wesley, of Glen Karn, born June 17, 1888, married Mary Smith; Harley E., born October 5, 1893, at home, is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, took the scholarship in Jatel College with honors, and will attend college in Cleveland during the coming year, studying law; Sarah Idris, born January 8, 1901, has taken and passed the Patterson examination and is attending high school in Hollansburg. The wives of Vernon E. and Harry W. Chenoweth were teachers at the time of their marriage and are still engaged in their profession, the former having completed her twentieth year as a teacher and the latter having taught about eight years, and both are very successful in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth are devout members of the Methodist church, and he has been a trustee many years and one of the principal supporters, and chorister for a period of thirty-five years, while she was organist for many years. Both are gifted in music, of which they are very fond, and he took a two-year course in music in college. Their daughters are well known for their musical gifts. Mr. Chenoweth is regarded as the most public spirited man in his neighborhood, and is one of the best known and most popular men of Darke county, liberal in his opinions, kind-hearted and courteous at

all times, and always ready to support any measure for the good of the public. He has reason to be proud of the work done by his family in the early days of the county and is much interested in the early history of the region where his entire life has been spent.

SAMUEL DULL.

Prominent among the leading factors in the upbuilding and development of Darke county's agricultural interests is found Samuel Dull, who, in addition to being the owner of Fair View farm, a handsome tract of one hundred and seventy-four acres located in Twin township, is widely engaged in the contracting business. A man of versatile business talents, he has won financial independence and a leading position through the exercise of good business management, judgment and foresight while as a citizen he is honored by those who have recognized in him a stanch friend of progress. Mr. Dull is a native of Darke county, having been born on a farm in Van Buren township, November 18, 1874, and is a son of W. J. and Mary (Fourman) Dull, a review of whose lives will be found in the sketch of the father on another page of this work.

Reared to agricultural pursuits, Samuel Dull was given educational advantages in the public schools of Van Buren township and Franklin, and received also an excellent training in the schools of experience and hard work. When not devoted to his studies, he applied himself to the tasks which fall to the lot of the farmer's son, and early showed himself to be industrious and energetic, performing faithfully the duties devolving upon him and making the most of his opportunities. When still a youth he accepted his first contract for ditching, and the successful carrying out of his agreement and the profits which accrued therefrom led him to make this work a part of his regular business. As the years have passed he has taken and fulfilled many contracts, principally of a ditching nature, and those who have had business dealings with him have every cause to place confidence in his ability and word. It was but natural that Mr. Dull should take up farming, upon which he has concentrated the major portion of his energies. For some years he was a renter, but he was finally able to purchase a small tract of land in Twin township, which formed

the nucleus for his present handsome property. At this time he has one hundred and seventy-four acres under cultivation, having been a resident of his community for seven years, and in addition to carrying on general farming does an extensive business in raising and shipping live stock. He has a handsome set of substantial buildings, uses modern methods in his work, and is succeeding therein because of his well-applied industry.

In 1895 Mr. Dull was married to Miss Emma May Shelly, daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Lodge) Shelly, who died April 29, 1913, in the faith of the United Brethren church, of which she had long been a member. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dull, namely: Vernon S., Olive P., M. H., Hubert, Nancy Pauline and Martin. Mr. Dull enjoys fraternal work, and is a popular and valued member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. A Republican in politics, he has not sought public office, being contented to express his good citizenship by supporting good men and measures.

ELI NISWONGER.

Eli Niswonger, a highly respected citizen of Pittsburg, is a retired farmer and has a comfortable home at the corner of Madison and Harrison streets. He was born on a farm in Clay township, Montgomery county, Ohio, August 31, 1836, son of George and Elizabeth (Warner) Niswonger. The father was born on the same farm in 1809 and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Circle) Niswonger. John Niswonger and his wife came to Darke county from Virginia in 1808 and located in the woods in Clay township, and his father, also named John, was a native of Germany. The second John was a farmer and spent the remainder of his days in Clay township. He became owner of a large tract and one of the largest landholders in Monroe township, Darke county, including the land where the town of Pittsburg now stands. He was the father of nine children who reached maturity. He died comparatively young, being in the sixties. Of his five daughters three married men of the name of Baker, two of them being brothers.

George Niswonger and his wife died in Montgomery county. Of their six children five reached maturity: David died when about sixty-five years of age; Eli is the second child; Cath-

erine married John Peffly, lived in Darke county many years and then removed to Montgomery county, where both passed away; Mary married Joseph Wenger and they live in Montgomery county; Moses is a retired farmer and resides in Oregon. The parents of Mrs. George Niswonger were reared and married in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there she was born and was a babe in arms when her parents came to Montgomery county, Ohio, with a one-horse wagon, her mother walking most of the way and carrying the young child in her arms.

Eli Niswonger received a common school education and worked for his father until attaining his majority, then attended school one year. He rented land of his father, who allowed him every fourth bushel of his crop of grain. On February 3, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Coffman, a native of Montgomery county, born July 29, 1838, daughter of Jesse and Eliza (McCord) Coffman. Her parents were born, reared and married in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in 1836, driving from Pennsylvania with a horse and wagon. Her father worked at his trade of cooper in West Milton, Miami county, where he located when his daughter Mary was ten years old. Her great-grandfather, William McCord, was a native of North Ireland, but of Scotch ancestry, and on her father's side was of German ancestry. She is not positive, but believes his given name was George and that the family then spelled the name Kaufmann.

About five years after his marriage Mr. Niswonger located on a farm about one mile east and a half mile south of where Pittsburg now stands, in Monroe township. His father gave him eighty acres of land in the woods, where he cut and hewed logs for a house. Later he weather-boarded his house and added to it, making this his home until 1889, and adding ten acres to his land. He and his wife became parents of nine children, three of whom were born in Montgomery county, and there were two sets of twins. The first child died in infancy; Ella and Bella, twins, never looked much alike, and while Ella has never weighed over ninety-seven pounds, Belle weighed one hundred sixty-five pounds; James O., a merchant of Columbus, is married and has three children; George E. lives in Arcanum; Jesse and Ira, twins, who looked very much alike, the latter of whom died in infancy, and the former married and has three children and is a resident of

Pitsburg; Willie Roy is a stock dealer of Pitsburg; Granville W. died at the age of two years. Belle, mentioned above, married Arodine Isenberger, and died, leaving two children, and her twin sister, Ella, married Charles Delk, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume.

Mr. Niswonger made a success at farming and in the management of his affairs showed the effects of his excellent training in early youth. His ancestors have been thrifty and industrious and he inherited a strong desire to conduct his affairs with care and forethought. He was a Democrat in early life but has now espoused the cause of the Prohibitionists. He has served as township trustee and school director. His grandfather and father were members of the German Baptist church and his wife was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church, but feeling she was not wholly in sympathy with that belief, she began reading the Scriptures for guidance, and she and her husband, through her influence, eventually joined what was then known as the Ludlow church, now in Pitsburg. He gives his wife great credit for having the courage of her convictions and for her influence upon him in this connection. They have a host of friends and enjoy the respect and honor of their children and all others who know them. They worked hard in early life and now enjoy the fruits of their toil. Mr. Niswonger, though nearly seventy-eight years of age, is still able to do a man's full day's work and both he and Mrs. Niswonger are hale and hearty.

EDMOND T. BRANDENBURG.

The growth and development of Darke county has been swift and sure, and its present wealth and prosperity have resulted from the efforts of citizens who have been steadfast and earnest in furthering progress and advancement. One of these men, Edmond T. Brandenburg, furnishes in his career an example of tireless industry, unflagging perseverance and strict fidelity, which, when combined with good judgment and business acumen, have brought him a full measure of success. He was given no advantages in youth, outside of those to be obtained in the country schools, and when he entered upon his career possessed little capital save a willing pair of hands and a sturdy heart. With these and a rugged determination, he has

wrought steadily, until today he finds himself not alone the owner of a handsome farming property, but also a citizen high in the esteem of the people of Twin township, who elected him a member of the township board of trustees. Mr. Brandenburg was born January 3, 1856, in Clear Creek township, Warren county, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Lydia (Throckmorton) Brandenburg. The family was founded in the Buckeye State by the grandfather of Mr. Brandenburg, Jacob Brandenburg, who came from Virginia and settled in the vicinity of Lebanon, Ohio, there continuing to be engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of a long and useful life. Joseph Brandenburg was born in Warren county and as a young man learned the trade of shoemaker, but after a number of years spent at the cobbler's bench turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on rented land. He was highly regarded for his good citizenship and was known as a man who at all times held the welfare of his community close at heart. Mr. Brandenburg married Miss Lydia Throckmorton, and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters: Edmond T., Hugh D., Anna, who is deceased; May, Howard, Harry, a resident of Greenville, and Leah, of Greenville township.

Edmond T. Brandenburg's boyhood experiences were much the same as those of other farmers' sons, for, when he was not attending the district schools he was employed in helping his father on the homestead. When he entered upon a career of his own he chose to accept employment by the month until he could accumulate enough capital to purchase a property of his own. Since then, with the assistance of his capable wife, he has developed one of the handsome homes of Twin township, with a comfortable dwelling, large barns, substantial outbuildings and modern appurtenances and conveniences of every nature. His forty-acre tract is situated about two and one-half miles southwest of Arcanum, and its prosperous appearance notifies the visitor at once of the presence of careful and capable management. Progress continues to mark his enterprises, and few men have more right to the proud American title of "self-made man."

On December 16, 1877, Mr. Brandenburg was united in marriage with Miss Laura Judy, the estimable daughter of John and Maria (Fall) Judy. John Judy was born near German-town, Ohio, and early in life went to Preble county, where he became a farmer and land owner near New Paris. He and his wife had six children: Samuel, deceased; Catherine, Wesley,

Eliza, deceased; Laura and Ida. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brandenburg: Leroy and Sylvan, the former of whom married Alice Whitney, and the latter Lena Rose, Sylvan being the father of one child, Kenneth. Mr. Brandenburg is interested in fraternal work, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has filled all the chairs and has represented them in great council; the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Brandenburg and wife are members of the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM K. YOUNG.

Among the most public-spirited citizens of Pittsburg, Ohio, may be mentioned William K. Young, general merchant. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, October 8, 1865, son of Jacob B. and Martha (Kentner) Young, the father born near Reading, Berks county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1838, and the mother a native of Montgomery county, Ohio. Jacob B. Young was reared on a farm, received a common school education, and at the age of eighteen years came to Dayton. He found employment on a farm at fifteen dollars per month, and continued this occupation until he reached his majority. He was married in June, 1860, and rented a large farm, which he operated a number of years. In 1875 the crops were a failure on account of excessive rainfall, soon after which he sold his farm and the following spring located in Twin township, Darke county, Ohio, where he operated a rented farm nine years, and in 1882 purchased an eighty acre farm in Monroe township at a price of \$6,500.00. He remained three years longer on the rented farm and in 1885 moved to his own home, located near the present town of Pittsburg, then merely a railway station. In the fall of 1888 he purchased a lot, 120 by 60 feet in Pittsburg, containing a residence and store building, and soon afterwards put in a stock of goods. His son William K., worked in the store for a number of years and he himself continued farming. In March, 1890, the father moved into town and William K., who in the meantime had married, moved to the farm.

While engaged in mercantile business, Jacob B. Young saw the need of a hotel in Pittsburg, also a livery, and started both

in connection with his mercantile business, this being the first hotel there. After spending twelve years in mercantile business he sold his interest in this branch, but continued the hotel and livery business. About five years after he had sold the store it was destroyed by fire, sweeping away the hotel as well and the following spring (1906) he erected the present beautiful and commodious two-story and basement white pressed brick hotel, 60 by 40 feet, equipped with a water system. He continued in the hotel business until his demise, July 11, 1910, and his widow conducted the hotel until her death, November 29, 1913. Both are buried in Abbottsville cemetery. Mr. Young was a lifelong Democrat and much interested in public affairs but never sought public office. He and his wife were parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, viz.: Charles, a farmer by occupation, died December 20, 1904, leaving a widow and two children; William K., the second child, subject of this sketch; Cora, of Pittsburg, wife of Allen Spitler, has no children; John is married and is a book-keeper employed in Kansas City; Jacob C., unmarried, who lost his eyesight in a mine explosion in Colorado, and is now a business man in Pittsburg, Ohio; Mary, wife of William North, of Pittsburg, has one child; Joseph B., a farmer of Monroe township, married and to him were born six children; Levi died in childhood; Jesse died at the age of nineteen years; Ira O., of Greenville, is married and has one child.

William K. Young worked with his father until his marriage, February 9, 1890, to Miss Mary Katherine Tobias, of Twin township, born on a farm near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, October 16, 1868, daughter of Frederic and Esther (Arnold) Tobias. She was six weeks old when her parents located in Darke county. After marriage Mr. Young remained four years on the home farm, and later returned to work in his father's store in Pittsburg, eventually starting in mercantile business for himself. In 1907 he erected his present commodious and convenient two-story pressed brick combined residence and store, with a basement under the entire building, and having 52 feet on the principal street and 60 feet extending east and west on Harrison street. He has a complete water works outfit. He has taken great interest in the progress of Pittsburg and has helped every worthy enterprise there. He became a stockholder in the First National Bank which was promoted in 1909, and is always ready to give his aid in anything that he thinks will tend to better conditions in

general in his vicinity. He has never cared for public office but takes great interest in local affairs. Like his father before him, he is a Democrat in principle. He does a large business and is one of the best known and most popular men in his part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have one son, Ray E., born on the Young farm March 1, 1892. He has a good common school education and at the age of sixteen years, on first trial, passed the Paterson examination. From boyhood he has helped his father in the store and now drives the wagon four days a week, which is an important part of the business. He has inherited his father's business instinct and is of valuable assistance to his father. The family have a large number of friends.

HOMER BROWN.

Nearly two decades have passed since Homer Brown cast in his fortunes with the inhabitants of Darke county, and during all these years his name has been a synonym for sterling citizenship and strict integrity. The architect of his own fortunes, Mr. Brown has builded well, and at this time is the owner of a handsome eighty-acre property, in Twin township, which has been developed under his care and supervision into one of the most valuable of its size here, but while he has been thus busily engaged, he has not neglected the needs of his community, and his public-spirited support of all that tends to make for advancement well merits him notice in a review of his community's representative citizens. Mr. Brown is a native Ohioan, having been born in Preble county, in 1867, a son of Nelson and Louisa (Diller) Brown. His father was born at West Manchester, Ohio, was a farmer throughout his life and owned valuable property in Harrison township. He was a man of industry, demonstrated his good citizenship in many ways, and by his pleasant personality surrounded himself with a number of sincere friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of seven children, as follows: Rillie, Homer, Jennie, who married D. Howell; Ira, Levi, who is deceased; Katharine and Bessie.

Mr. Brown's boyhood was spent much the same as that of other farmers' lads of his day and vicinity, the winter terms finding him an earnest student in the public schools of the

various localities in which the family resided, while during the rest of each year he helped his father to plow, sow and reap, and in this way secured the training which has made him a successful farmer. His early years were for the greater part passed in Preble county, where he accepted such honorable employment as came his way, chiefly in Harrison township, and at all times made the most of his opportunities, so that when he came to Darke county, in 1895, he was possessed of some small capital. At first he engaged in farming as a renter, continuing to practice thrift and industry, but later bought his present farm and has since continued as one of the progressive men of his section. He has good buildings, made improvements of a modern and substantial character, and in the cultivation of his fields has used the most up-to-date methods. He has made a thorough study of the calling to which he has devoted his life, and continues to keep abreast of the various advancements which modern agriculture is making.

Mr. Brown was married in Preble county to Miss Clara Pundt, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Ryder) Pundt, and they have two children: Victor and Ralph, both of whom reside with their parents. In his political views Mr. Brown is a Democrat, but the arduous duties of his agricultural work have precluded the idea of his entering actively in political affairs even had he any desire for preferment, and he contents himself with merely acting the part of a good citizen. His religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

HARRY A. FELLERS.

A member of the younger generation of agriculturists of Darke county, reared to agricultural pursuits and possessed of a thorough knowledge of the value of modern methods, Harry A. Fellers is making his twenty-five-acre farm, known as Cedar Crest, pay him a full measure of profit for the labor expended upon it. It is true that the pioneers of this section claimed and developed the ground here from the wilderness of nature, but it is likewise a fact that were it not for the earnest and industrious efforts of such men as Mr. Fellers, Darke county would not be in the prosperous and flourishing condition it now is, and which makes it one of the leading farming communities of the Buckeye State.

Mr. Fellers is familiar with soil and climatic conditions of Twin township, as he has resided here all of his life, having been born on the farm which he now occupies, September 30, 1881. He is a son of John and Sarah J. (Cain) Fellers, the former of whom was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and came to Darke county as a baby with his parents, John and Susannah (Fauber) Fellers. The father spent the active years of his career as a farmer, met with a satisfactory measure of success in his operations, and won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens because of his industry and strict integrity. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Ella, who married Mr. John Richmond; Lizzie, who married Mr. S. H. Cloyd; Jeannetta, who married Robert C. Howell of Butler township; Anna, who married Mr. Calvin Wolf; Jocie, who married William Robbins; Iva, who married Mr. S. Morley; Cora, who became the wife of John Eyer of Butler township, and Jesse, who married Orville Howell of Butler township, and Harry A.

Harry A. Fellers received his early education in the Sochium school, and this was subsequently supplemented by attendance at the public schools of Arcanum. While a student, he spent his spare time in working on the home farm, but also learned the vocation of telegrapher, which he followed for a short time. The greater part of his energies have been concentrated upon farm work, and through good management he has been able to make the most of his opportunities and to win a recognized place among the substantial men of his locality. Although general farming has received the greater part of his attention, he has also had some experience in raising stock, and each year ships a number of cattle and hogs to the markets.

On November 1, 1905, Mr. Fellers was married to Miss Nellie Lynch, daughter of John and Ida (Fourman) Lynch, and one child has been born to this union, Hettie Juanita, who is deceased. Mr. Fellers is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which he has many friends. He is a consistent member of the United Brethren church, supports its movements and in every way endeavors to contribute to the progress of good citizenship and morality in his community.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fellers are quite influential Sunday school workers, being teachers in the Ithaca United Brethren school. Mr. Fellers has been teaching a class for fifteen years, and has done much toward winning souls to Christ.

FRANK FELLERS.

Frank Fellers belongs to an old and honored family of Darke county, the members of which have won merited place in the confidence of the community because of their industry and probity. For the greater part they have been connected with agricultural pursuits, and in this field of endeavor Mr. Fellers has concentrated his entire energies. He was born on a farm known as the old Kemp farm, and lived there one year. He has passed his entire life upon the farm which he now occupies, a tract of fifty-eight acres, located on the Ithaca turnpike, about two miles northwest of Ithaca, in Twin township, and his management of his affairs has been so well directed that he is now accounted a man of substance and reliability. Mr. Fellers was born on the farm which he is now cultivating, in 1874, and is a son of George and Jane (Cromwell) Fellers. His father was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was a lad when he accompanied the grandparents, John and Susan Fellers, natives of Pennsylvania, to Darke county. The father completed his education in the public schools of Twin township, early adopted farming as his vocation, and continued to center his interests in that field throughout the active years of a long and useful life. He and his wife were the parents of five children: Josie and James, both of whom are deceased; Martha, who married Mr. McCowen; Frank, and Effie, who became the wife of William Pyles.

The country schools of Twin township furnished Frank Fellers with his educational advantages, and his business training was secured upon the home farm. He was early made his father's assistant and taught lessons of practical usefulness, learned the value of integrity and honorable dealing and adopted the methods of the modern school of agriculture. Thus he was well prepared when he entered upon a career of his own, and the community which has known him for more than thirty-nine years now numbers him among its most substantial men. Like many of the progressive men of his community, Mr. Fellers devotes a part of his attention to the raising of cattle, and also has a number of valuable Belgian horses. His attention, however, is chiefly devoted to general farming and to making improvements on his already valuable property. His buildings are substantial and of handsome architecture, fitted with modern conveniences and appurtenances, his machinery is of the most improved character, and his stock is sleek and

content. In his political belief Mr. Fellers has always supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, but has not cared to enter the field as a candidate for public favors, being satisfied to prove his good citizenship in other ways. With his family, he attends the United Brethren church.

In 1898 Mr. Fellers was united in marriage with Miss Chloë Rose, daughter of Taylor Rose, an old resident of Twin township. Mr. and Mrs. Fellers are the parents of six children, as follows: Nellie, Carl, Merlin, Blanche, Glenn and Sherill. The children are being given good educational advantages and prepared to honorably fill the positions to which they may be called in life.

JOSEPH STUTZ.

The owner of a fine tract of forty-seven acres of tobacco land, situated one and one-half miles southeast of Arcanum, Joseph Stutz is known as one of the substantial agriculturists of Darke county, Ohio, and has also made a decided success of his building operations, many fine structures in the county evidencing his skill and good workmanship. Mr. Stutz has resided on his present property for more than fifteen years and is well known to the people of Twin township, having gained widespread confidence and respect by his honorable dealing and public-spirited citizenship. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Henry county, December 17, 1863, and is a son of John and Amanda (Shell) Stutz. His father was born in Warren county and his mother in Butler county, Ohio, and both were young people when they moved to Henry county. Some time after their marriage they took up their residence in Twin township, and here passed the remainder of their lives in agricultural pursuits. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Mary Smith, who is now deceased; George, a resident of Preble county, Ohio; Joseph; Lewis, who is engaged in farming in Twin township, south, and one-half mile west of his brother Joseph's farm; Irene, who married Eli Howell, of Preble county; Alice, who is deceased; Arthur, who is engaged in farming in Twin township, west of Ithaca; Jacob O., living at Findlay, Ohio; Bertha C.; Ray, who is deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Baker; and Omar.

Joseph Stutz was but a child when he accompanied his

parents from the vicinity of Defiance to Twin township, and here he secured his educational advantages in school district No. 8. This he attended during the short winter terms, but his summer months were not idle, as his services were constantly in demand upon the old home place. He grew to sturdy manhood and gained a thorough knowledge of farming, so that at the age of twenty years he was well qualified to enter upon a career of his own as a day laborer, continuing as such for some time. Later, however, he returned to the homestead and engaged in raising tobacco, subsequently learning the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some thirteen years. In 1898 he purchased a tract of forty-seven acre, located one and one-half miles southeast of Arcanum, and here he has developed an excellent farm for the raising of tobacco, although he still engages more or less in carpenter work, and travels extensively all over the county in raising buildings. He is thoroughly progressive, enterprising and energetic, and through his own efforts has made a place for himself among the substantial men of his community.

On January 13, 1893, Mr. Stutz was married to Miss Calie Sarver, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of Peter Sarver, and to this union there have been born five children, as follows: Charles, who is deceased; Herbert; Howard; Mabel and Roscoe. Mr. and Mrs. Stutz are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which both have been active.

JOHN EYER.

Progress has gripped every field; the live, energetic men in each line have grasped opportunity and with it have brought forth gratifying results. Every vocation is developing, the world-old occupations which for centuries have seemed to have been brought to their highest degree of efficiency, have, in these modern years, been shown to have been but in their infancy. The land that a few years ago produced but a minimum per cent. of profit for the labor expended upon it now yields an hundred-fold for the sturdy men who till its soil intelligently. It matters little how large or how small a man's tract of land may be; the acreage is the last thing to take into con-

sideration when one is seeking for the reason of achievement attained. In this latter connection we may cite the example of John Eyer, of Butler township, whose sixty acres, properly developed, have given him firm footing among the men to whom Darke county owes its indebtedness for its well-won title of "up-to-date."

John Eyer was born in Warren county, Ohio, and is a son of Robert and Melissa (Drayer) Eyer, and a grandson of John R. Eyer. His father, a farmer, spent the greater part of his active life in Warren county, where, through industry, enterprise and thrift he accumulated a competence. Robert and Melissa Eyer were the parents of the following children: Mary; Valentine; John, of this review; Frank, a resident of Preble county, Ohio; Clarence and Fred, residents of Butler township, and Claire.

Like most of the farmers' sons of his day and locality, John Eyer divided his time between attending the district schools in the winter months and assisting his father on the home farm during the rest of the year. He eagerly grasped the opportunities offered him in the line of education, proving himself an earnest scholar, and was no less earnest and industrious in assimilating the knowledge given him by his father in the line of agriculture. He considered his farm work part of his education, and his father came to rely upon him absolutely, so that he was given responsibilities granted to few youths of his years. Thus thoroughly prepared, he entered upon a career of his own when he had reached years of maturity, with the added self-reliance that he had gained by working among strangers, and the contented feeling that he had assisted materially in supporting his parents. For six years he worked as a renter, but after his marriage, in 1900, located upon his present property, in Butler township, which he has since brought up to the highest state of cultivation. Mr. Eyer is progressive in his ideas, in his operations and in his methods. He firmly believes that so much work should produce just so much profit—and, what is better, he makes his belief count for something. In proof of this statement his well-tilled fields, his substantial buildings and the general air of prosperity which hovers about his homestead, will amply testify. In political matters a Democrat, he has been too busily engaged in working out his own affairs to attempt to work out those of the party as an officeseeker, although he at all times takes a deep interest in those things which democracy promotes for the

betterment of the community. He enjoys the companionship of his fellows and is popular among the members of the Knights of Pythias, being a member of the lodge at Castine. His religious belief is that of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Eyer was married in 1900 to Miss Cora Fellers, and to this union there have been born two children: Robert, attending school No. 5, and Harry.

WILLIAM A. LAYER, M. D.

Holding in high esteem the duties and responsibilities which his position involves, and more than ordinarily succeeding as a medical practitioner and surgeon, Dr. W. A. Layer is widely known in professional circles of Darke county, Ohio, and more especially in the city of Castine, which has been his field of practice for some years. Doctor Layer is one whom it may be said has been wise in his choice of vocations, possessing the broad and thorough knowledge that years of experience bring, an inherent love for medicine and surgery, and a kind and sympathetic nature without which the practitioner cannot hope for a full measure of success. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born on the old Daniel Fournier farm in Darke county, in the vicinity of Arcanum, October 28, 1868, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Niswonger) Layer.

George Layer early adopted the occupation of farming as the medium through which to gain competence and position, and through a life of industry, energy and well-directed effort rose to the foremost ranks among the agriculturists of Darke county. During his latter years he lived a retired life and made his home at Covington, where he was buried. He was married (first) to Elizabeth Niswonger, who died after the birth of three children: Dr. W. A.; Susella, who married a Mr. Burnett; and Harvey J., who married Bridget Kehoe and had five children, John, Margaret, Elizabeth, George and Katharine. Harvey was killed in an accident on the Panhandle railroad at Piqua, Ohio. George Layer was married (second) to Mrs. Catherine (Landis) Stauffer, who had three children by a former marriage, and they became the parents of one child.

When he was seven years of age, W. A. Layer was taken by his father to Miami county, Ohio, and there his education

commenced in the public schools. Subsequently he attended the Bradford high school, and secured a teacher's certificate, although he never exercised his privilege as an educator. For his preparatory course, he attended a school in Lebanon, Ohio, after leaving which he became a student in the Baltimore, Md., Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After six months spent as an interne, Doctor Layer entered Mercer county, and one year later returned to Darke county and opened offices at Hillgrove. In 1896 and 1897 the Doctor went to Chicago and took the post-graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic College. Subsequently he came to Castine, which has since been his field of endeavor, and here he has built up a fine practice. No vocation offers opportunity for greater genuine service to mankind than that of the doctor of medicine, and the physician who fully appreciates his responsibilities and conscientiously responds to every call made upon him is a public benefactor in the highest sense of the term. Such a man Doctor Layer has shown himself to be. Purity of mind, lofty ideals and unselfish devotion to the welfare of others have been manifested strikingly throughout the time he has been practicing at Castine, and in turn he is esteemed and respected by those with whom he comes into contact. He keeps fully abreast of the progress made in his profession by maintaining membership in the Darke county and Ohio State medical societies, and by subscription to the leading journals of medicine and surgery. He enjoys fraternal work, and is popular with his fellow members in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Ithaca, the Knights of Pythias, at Castine, and the Knights of the Golden Eagles. His support is freely given to all religious and charitable movements. The Doctor has been active in those affairs which have had to do with the advancement of Castine's interests, and at the present time is serving efficiently as a member of the city council.

On October 20, 1897, Doctor Layer was married to Miss Estella White, daughter of E. C. and Mary (Cox) White, and to this union there has been adopted one daughter, Edna May.

Mrs. Layer was born in Darke county near Greenville and her ancestors on maternal side were pioneers of Darke county, coming when Darke county was settled by the Indians. His grandfather, Jesse Cox, was one of the first, if not the first, white child born in Washington township.

NORMAN TILLSON IRELAN.

Norman T. Irelan belongs to one of Darke county's older families and is one of the largest landowners in Harrison township. He lives on the outskirts of Hollansburg, in the house built by his father in 1882, and has retired from active farming. He was a teacher in early life and has been interested in the cause of education and every movement which would work for the good of the community, all his life. He has always been one of the more substantial and prominent citizens, as was his father before him, and has been influential among his fellow-townsmen. He is president of the People's Banking Company of Hollansburg and his name stands for business integrity wherever found. He has been associated with Hollansburg all his life and was born there December 14, 1851, son of Aaron Abel and Phoebe (Tillson) Irelan. The father, more familiarly known as "A. A." was born in Preble county, Ohio, September 12, 1818, and died July 26, 1910, having spent all his active life farming in Harrison township. He also run a huckster wagon to Cincinnati for a few years and had a general store at Stewartsville a little town below the present site of Hollansburg, but when the latter town was started he moved his store and stock to that town and kept his business there until 1856. He was prominent in local affairs and served as justice of the peace for some ten years and as township trustee for several years. His wife, who was born in Harrison township April 15, 1830, died May 5, 1913, and both were buried in Hollansburg cemetery. They had nine children, all born in Harrison township, five of whom died in childhood, and of the other four two now survive: Norman T. was the fourth child in order of birth; William T., who was a teacher in the Greenville schools and resided in Hollansburg, died some eight or ten years ago; Clara Leona, wife of O. L. Downing, of German township, died in August, 1912; Cora Williams lives in Omaha, Nebraska, with her son Guy. The mother of these children was a member of the Christian church.

After completing the course in the Hollansburg school and during 1870-71 attending school in Greenville two terms, Mr. Irelan took up teaching as a profession, and since that time has continued his education by reading and observation. From the age of eighteen years he taught six years and then on account of poor health decided to take up some other occupa-

tion. He was of great assistance to his father in the management of his business affairs. He spent four years farming in German township and in 1882 returned to Harrison township, since his home. He carried on a farm one mile south of Hollansburg from 1882 to 1906, then located at Hollansburg to be able to care for his aged parents, and still lives on his father's farm. He was of much comfort to his parents during their last days and was always a dutiful son. He owns 214 acres of choice farming land, with the house he occupies and another one across the road. He feeds many head of stock and carries on a line of diversified farming. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential ballot for Winfield Hancock. He has served in various local offices: Was township trustee fifteen years, town clerk four years, and for ten years was president of the school board during which time Hollansburg high school and schools Nos. 11 and 12 were erected. He has been president of the bank since it was organized in 1902. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and he is clerk of same. He became a chorister of the church at the age of eighteen years and continues in this position at the present time. In teaching he interested his pupils in music, taught them to read it and have a taste for good music. He is one of the best vocal and instrumental music teachers in the town and inherited his taste in this direction. His first teacher in music was the wife of Dr. Bookwalter, of Greenville, whom he succeeded in later years. Mr. Irelan is a leader in the community by reason of his upright life and his career is one any young man might follow with interest and profit, hoping to win as good a standing in his locality.

Mr. Irelan was married March 18, 1875, to Miss Clara Medora Turner, born January 15, 1855, daughter of L. G. and Sarah (Endsley) Turner, both deceased. Mr. Turner was born in Wayne county, Indiana, July 19, 1831, and died October 16, 1909, and Mrs. Turner was born March 3, 1835. Mr. Turner was a farmer and came to Darke county in the spring of 1864. He is buried in Hollansburg cemetery. They had two sons and two daughters: Mrs. Irelan; Percy LaRue, of Greenville; Charles B. died at the age of two years; Rose A., wife of Henry Wolfal, of Darke county. Mr. Turner served as justice of the peace several years before his death, for some years was mayor of Hollansburg, and was highly respected.

He was at one time candidate for probate judge but was defeated.

Eight children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Irelan: James Eugene, born September 14, 1877, married Laura Pearl Martin, lived in Harrison township, died September 12, 1812, was buried at Hollansburg, leaving a wife and four children—Aaron Garr, Harry, Foster and Donnie; Rose Ona, born September 22, 1880, married Ira F. Thomas, December 22, 1900, and they reside at Tiffany, LaPlatta county, Colorado, and have one daughter, Ruth; George A., born August 3, 1882, on August 2, 1905, married Amber Wiley, lives in Wayne county, Indiana, and they have two sons, Cornelius and Paul; Nora, born June 10, 1879, married (first) January 19, 1901, E. E. Spencer, who died March 18, 1908, leaving one son, Marcus Claudius, and married (second), July 27, 1911, Mr. J. W. Harris. They now live on part of her father's farm, across the road from him, and have one son, Norman Alfred Harris, aged fourteen months; Charles L., born December 12, 1883, a graduate of high school, died October 26, 1903, and is buried in Hollansburg cemetery; Ora Gilbert, born October 9, 1887, residing in Richmond, Indiana, on April 18, 1908, married Angie J. Alexander, and they have one child, Clara Enid; Izetta G., born February 23, 1891, on September 14, 1912, married Merle Simpson and they live at Palestine, Darke county; Arno W., born February 19, 1894, and died May 16, 1895.

GEORGE F. FELLERS.

Two and one-half miles northwest of Ithaca, on the Ithaca road, is situated the farm belonging to George F. Fellers. It is not necessary to introduce Mr. Fellers to the citizens of Twin township, for his residence in this community has covered a period of more than sixty years, during all of which time he has been identified closely with the agricultural interests of his locality. A veteran of that great strife which occurred when secession reared its gory head to threaten the solidity of our Union, he may point with a pardonable degree of pride to his record as a soldier, and his subsequent record as a stalwart citizen, fighting the battles of peace, is marred by no stain or blemish.

Mr. Fellers is a Buckeye. He was born March 15, 1841, in

Preble county, Ohio, and is a son of John G. and Susanna (Fauber) Fellers. The father, a native of Augusta county Virginia, came to the west as a young man, locating first in Preble county, subsequently moving to Butler county and finally, in 1852, locating in Darke county, where he passed the remaining years of his life. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: James, who is deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, also deceased; David, who has passed away; John B., Henry, deceased; George F., of this review; Harvey, and Mrs. Martha Shuler, deceased.

Reared to industrious and thrifty habits, George F. Fellers early learned that the surest road to success is found through the medium of hard and energetic toil. He joined his brothers in helping his parents to develop the home farm, and in the meantime was eager to accept the educational advantages offered him during the short winter terms, attending, successively, the Gross school, in Butler county, the Nine Mile school there, and the public school near his home when the family moved to Twin township. He early adopted the vocation of farming as his life work, and busily engaged himself at tilling the soil until his enlistment in Company B, 110th Ohio volunteer infantry, for service during the Civil war, being under the direct command of Gen. J. Warren Keifer, in the Army of the Potomac. He took part in battles as follows: Union Mills, Va., (Winchester), June 13, 1863; Winchester Heights, Va., June 14, 1863; Stevenson Depot, Va., June 15, 1863; Wapping Heights, Va., July 23, 1863; Bradey Station, Va., November 8, 1863; Mine Run, Va., November 27, 1863; Wilderness, Va., May 5-7, 1864; Spottsylvania, C. H., Va., May 9-12, 1864; New York River, Va., May 14, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1-12, 1864; Petersburg, Va., June 22-23, 1864; Reams Station, Va., June 29, 1864; Monocacy, Md., July 9, 1864; Snicker's Gap (Charleston), Hall Town and Smithfield, Va., Aug. 1864; Opequan, Va., September 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Va., September 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864; Cedar Springs, Va., November 12, 1864; Petersburg, Va., March 25, 1865; Petersburg (assault), Va., April 2, 1865; Jettsville, Va., April 5, 1865; Sailor's Creek, Va., April 6, 1865; Appomattox, Va., April 9, 1865. When he received his honorable discharge, after a faithful and valiant service, he returned to his home and resumed agricultural operations. So well-directed have been his efforts and so intelligent his activities that at this time he

is the owner of 116 acres of some of the finest land in Twin township. No adventitious circumstance has aided Mr. Fellers in his onward march to prosperity; he has been the architect of his own fortune, and he has builded well and substantially. He has been a student of matters pertaining to his vocation, and he has applied his learning to the furtherance of his labors. Republican by political belief, he has never sought the doubtful honors to be gained in the political arena, but has not withheld his support from those movements which he has believed would benefit the public weal. With his family, he attends the United Brethren church.

On April 1, 1869, Mr. Fellers was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Cromwell, daughter of Phil and Rebecca (Hemp) Cromwell, and to this union there have been born three children: Mrs. Martha McCowen, G. Frank and Effie P.

CHAS. M. DAVENPORT.

Charles M. Davenport is a very well known citizen of Greenville and belongs to a family that has done much for Darke county, having been identified with its interests for many years. He is a member of an old and honored family and his first ancestor to come to America was Abraham Davenport. He was born in England in 1714, married Mary Sims, and had the following eight children: Anthony Sims, Andrew, Samuel, Marmaduke, Elizabeth, Stephen, Abraham and John. Anthony Sims, the eldest, born in 1757, married Mary Bozzle and they became parents of eight children, viz: Abraham, Ira, John, Wesley, Mary, Nancy, Sarah and Willa Minor. Of these, Abraham, born about 1785, is in direct line to the subject of this sketch. He married Penelope Griffith and they had eight children: Anthony Sims (2), Dr. Smith, John, Benjamin, Ira, Robert, Celina and Elizabeth. The second Anthony Sims Davenport was grandfather of Charles M. Davenport.

Anthony Sims Davenport, born May 16, 1813, died January 19, 1880, lived in Shelby county, Ohio, married Nancy Coon January 8, 1835, and they had six children, as follows: Elizabeth, born February 25, 1836, married James Malcolm; Martha M., born December 4, 1837, married Hiram Lenox; John Wesley, born October 27, 1839; David, born July 23, 1841; Frances, born July 5, 1843, wife of James Wood; Finley, born Septem-

ber 2, 1845, died while serving in the Union army. Mrs. Nancy Davenport died January 3, 1846, and Anthony Sims Davenport married Betsy M. Clintock, February 23, 1847, by whom he had three children. Sarah and Edward died when they were about two years old, and Charles P., born March 20, 1851, now a resident of Shelby county, Ohio, near the old home farm, who married Margaret Cecil and have four children, Floyd, a resident of Bisbee, Arizona; Owen, employed by a mining company in Central America; Eva, wife of Dr. Fred Clark, of Sidney, Ohio, and Bonnie, a school teacher, who lives at home.

James and Elizabeth Malcolm have five children, Lucy, wife of Prof. A. W. Gamble, of Logansport, Ind.; Clara, wife of Daniel Price, of Piqua, Ohio; Cora, wife of Grant Patten, living near Piqua; Harper, of Medarysville, Ind., and Nannie, wife of William Bowen, of near Sidney, Ohio. James and Frances Wood have two sons, Edward and Arthur, and live in Cleveland, Ohio. David married Sadie McVay and has two sons and an adopted daughter. Rev. Charles Russell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has served the church at Swanton, Ohio, for the past nine years; Benjamin lives in Cleveland, and Lillie lives with her mother in Piqua, Ohio. David served in the Union army and was shot through the right arm.

John Wesley Davenport was born in Shelby county, Ohio, October 27, 1839, and died January 27, 1909, in Darke county, being buried at Shook's Chapel cemetery in Wabash township. He was a farmer practically his entire life and was a Republican in politics, holding such township offices as supervisor and trustee. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he was trustee of the church known as Shook's Chapel. On March 18, 1862, he married Melvina Heffleman, who was born in Clay township, Montgomery county, Ohio, on August 20, 1840, and now resides on the home farm in Wabash township. Melvina (Heffleman) Davenport is a daughter of John and Susan (Oldum) Heffleman. John Heffleman was born January 11, 1810, in Milford township, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, died in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1894; he was the third son of Frederic Augustus and Barbara (Hartman) Heffleman. Frederic H. was born October 3, 1778 in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, and died January 26, 1862. After marriage, John Wesley Davenport moved on a farm near Jonesborough, Grant county, In-

diana, and in March, 1881, returned to Darke county, Ohio, located on a farm in Wabash township, and there spent his remaining years, carrying on the work of his farm until he was ready to retire from active life. He was a much respected citizen, standing well in the community and having many friends. He and his wife had five children, all born while they were residing in Grant county, Indiana: William Heffleman, born December 10, 1863, living on a farm in Wabash township, adjoining his mother; Franklin S., born March 15, 1867, died November 19, 1895, and is buried at Shook's Chapel; Charles M., born October 11, 1869, in Grant county, Indiana; Lillie, born September 12, 1875, died in infancy; Grace, born January 8, 1878, died October 6, 1895, shortly before her brother, Franklin, who is buried by her side.

William Heffleman Davenport married Miss Anna Supinger June 16, 1887, and they have five children: Walter, living on a farm in Wabash township adjoining his father, married Miss Clara McKibben and they have one child, Helen. Susie, at home, teaches music in the neighborhood; Homer, Treva and Paul at home. Charles M. Davenport received a common-school education in the rural schools, supplemented by the course in Versailles high school, then attended the Centennial Commercial College at Greenville, Ohio, where he fitted himself for Commercial life. He began business life as stenographer in the office of The Henry St. Clair Company, wholesale grocers, at Greenville, and subsequently took charge of their books. He has developed into an expert book-keeper and has held this position with the above named company since 1894. He is progressive and enterprising in his ideas and is a valuable employe of the concern, his efficiency and worth being recognized and appreciated by his employers. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and served as Chancellor Commander in 1908. He is very fond of his home and is rather quiet and retiring in his tastes. He is closely devoted to his business but finds considerable time to devote to church work and is interested in everything which he thinks will work out to the benefit of the city, county or state. He is a model citizen and ready to do his duty in all ways. His friends will be gratified to learn that he wrote a greater part of the chapter on the Methodist Church found in Volume 1 of this work, which will be read by all with much interest. Mr. Davenport is fond of reading and study and keeps up with the events and issues of the day. He is wide-awake and practical and has a

comprehensive idea of business and commercial affairs. In 1899 he built the present comfortable family home on East Fifth street and has made many changes and improvements since.

On June 25, 1896, Mr. Davenport was united in marriage with Miss Dora B. Ditmer, born January 9, 1869, near Georgetown, Miami county, Ohio, daughter of Henry Warner and Brittanica (Searle) Ditmer and spent her girlhood in Monroe township, Darke county, Ohio.

Mr. Ditmer was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, and died November 3, 1898, being buried at Georgetown, Miami county. His wife was born in Champaign county, Ohio, February 18, 1848, and died March 23, 1905. Henry Warner Ditmer was a son of John Ditmer, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1789, who married Susanna Warner, born November 9, 1796, in the same county. John and Susanna Ditmer had thirteen children: Jacob, born in Pennsylvania, November 23, 1814; Elizabeth, born August 28, 1816, wife of John Falkner, now deceased, who formerly lived near Philipsburg, Montgomery county, Ohio; John, deceased, born January 11, 1819; Rosanna, deceased, was born December 15, 1820, and married Joseph Carroll; Mary, born November 21, 1822, married Matthias Spiler; Abraham, born August 15, 1824; David, born April 15, 1827; Elias, born April 19, 1829; Henry, father of Mrs. Davenport; Catherine, born December 23, 1833, wife of George Fry, of Darke county, Ohio; George, born April 15, 1836; Benjamin, born January 24, 1839; Levi, born March 30, 1841. John Ditmer, father of these children, died April 3, 1854.

Henry Warner Ditmer was a farmer by occupation and spent most of his life in Darke county. He enlisted in the Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years during the Civil War and served in many important battles. He was a Democrat in political principle but took no active part in political affairs. He and his wife had ten children, two born in Miami county and eight in Monroe township, Darke county: Dora B., born January 9, 1869; Luella, born January 27, 1871, married Calvin Litten and they live on a farm near Philipsburg, Montgomery county; Charles R., born April 22, 1873, lives south of Greenville; Lawrence S., born September 30, 1875, lives near Potsdam; Noah W., born December 29, 1877, lives near West Milton, Ohio; Amanda, born October 15, 1880, married Samuel A. Bridenbaugh and they live on a farm

near West Milton; Edward H., born August 11, 1882, lives on a farm near Potsdam; Cora, wife of Henry Timmons, living at Potsdam, Ohio, was born September 24, 1885; one child died in infancy; Mina Ethel, born April 19, 1890, married Charles Macy and they live near Philipsburg, Ohio. The parents were members of the Mennonite church.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have two children: Gladys G., born March 14, 1897. In May, 1914, she graduated from Greenville high school and will enter the Ohio Wesleyan University in September, 1914, to prepare herself for a teacher of English; Harold Ditmer, born June 17, 1900, will be a sophomore in the Greenville high school during the year commencing September, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greenville. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school since 1900, having previously been assistant superintendent and secretary. He has been financial secretary of the church for some time and is also a trustee. Mrs. Davenport has been president and secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society and both have done very valuable work in the interest of the same. They are both anxious that their children shall have every educational advantage possible and have been economical and self-sacrificing in past years to build up their present prosperity and standing.

WARREN E. WEHRLEY.

With the agricultural interests of Darke county, Ohio, W. E. Wehrley has been identified since reaching man's estate, and today he is a member of the firm of Vietor & Wehrley, proprietors of the Maple Valley Stock Farm, located in Butler township. A man of inherent ability and broad experience, he has displayed a spirit of business enterprise and perseverance which enables him to overcome difficulties and obstacles, and in discharging the duties of citizenship has always so directed his actions as to win and retain the respect and esteem of the people of his community. Mr. Wehrley is still a young man, having been born February 4, 1885, and is a native of Preble county, Ohio, and a son of F. M. and Ella (McConnell) Wehrley.

Frank M. Wehrley was born in Preble county, Ohio, and as a young man adopted the carpenter trade and his life work,

serving his apprenticeship in the vicinity of Eldorado. He became a skilled workman, built up an excellent business, and gradually drifted into contracting, subsequently handling large contracts both in building and ditching. At this time he is located at Richmond, Wayne county, and is known as one of the substantial business men of that place, where his interests are large and varied. Seven children were born to Frank M. and Ella (McConnell) Wehrley, named as follows: Otilia, who became the wife of E. P. Kyle, and lives in Butler township; Andrew J., residing at Greenville, Ohio; W. E., of this review; Bertha, who became the wife of a Mr. Hoffman and resides at Richmond; William, of Greenville; and John and Rufus, residents of Richmond.

W. E. Wehrley was given ordinary educational advantages, first attending the public schools of Hamburg, Fairfield county, and later being a student in the schools of Eldorado, Preble county. From earliest youth he showed himself possessed of a high degree of industry and ambition, and so faithfully and earnestly did he work that when he was only eight years old he was earning a salary of eight dollars a month as a farm hand. He was thus engaged until the time he was thirteen years old, when he followed in his father's footsteps by taking up the trade of carpenter, but later accepted employment in an elevator at Eldorado. In 1910 Mr. Wehrley formed a partnership with William Vietor, a well-known business man of New Madison, Ohio, and under the firm style of Vietor & Wehrley these gentlemen became proprietors of the Maple Valley Stock Farm, one of the first tracts of its kind in Darke county. The operations of this concern have been extended yearly, improvements have been constantly added to the property, and the elder man's experience and the younger's enthusiasm and energy are rapidly bringing the new enterprise to the forefront.

On October 16, 1910, Mr. Wehrley was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Vietor, daughter of William and Katie (Benson) Vietor. A complete review of her father's life will be found in the sketch of Sebastian Vietor. Mrs. Vietor is a daughter of James and Sarah (Richards) Benson, who moved to Darke county, Ohio, many years ago from Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Wehrley have been the parents of two children: Dessie B. and Beryl E. Although he is not connected with any particular religious body, Mr. Wehrley has been liberal in his support of all good movements whether of church or

charitable nature. He has not hesitated to join other public-spirited men in advancing the public welfare, although his business interests have kept him too busy for him to actively enter political affairs.

PHILEMON C. FELLERS.

It has frequently been demonstrated that the best and strongest in an individual are brought out and developed only under the stimulus of opposition and the pressure of adversity, and the truth of this assertion finds another verification in the life record of Philemon Fellers, who is engaged extensively in dealing in agricultural implements at Castine, Ohio. His ready recognition of opportunity has played a large part in his success, and another prominent characteristic in his make-up is his perseverance, which has enabled him to carry to a satisfactory and successful conclusion those matters to which he has applied himself. Mr. Fellers is a native son of Darke county, Ohio, having been born November 5, 1867, on a farm in Twin township, a son of James F. and Mary (Cromwell) Fellers.

John G. Fellers, the grandfather of Philemon Fellers, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, from where he came to Ohio in young manhood and settled in Preble county, subsequently moving to Butler county, and, in 1852, to Darke county, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Susanna Fauber, and they became the parents of eight children: James F., the father of Philemon, now deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, deceased; David, who has also passed away; John B., Henry, deceased; George F., a farmer on the Ithaca road, in Darke county; Harvey and Mrs. Martha Shuler, deceased.

Philemon Fellers received his education in the Sochim district school, and was reared to agricultural work, remaining on the old homstead and assisting his father until he attained his majority, when he commenced farming by the month. He was thus engaged for a period of fourteen years and in the meantime carefully saved his earnings with the end ever in view of some day becoming the owner of a property or the proprietor of a business of his own. This ambition was realized October 5, 1904, when he bought the stock and good will of Mr. Folkerth, who had conducted an agricultural business

at Castine. Although this enterprise had been established for some years, a lack of progressive ideas and methods had allowed it to deteriorate to some extent. With Mr. Fellers' arrival as the directing head, the business soon evidenced a gratifying growth, and it is now one of the leaders in its line in this section. Mr. Fellers handles all kinds of agricultural implements, harness and kindred articles, keeping a complete stock of the most highly-improved makes, and attracts his trade from all over the surrounding country. His success has been well merited, in that it has come as a direct result of his own labors and not through any adventitious chance or circumstance. He has shown his faith in the future of Castine by investing in city realty, and at this time is the owner of three valuable properties.

In political matters Mr. Fellers has always given his support to the Republican party, until 1907, when he has since given his support to the Prohibition party. His religious belief is that of the United Brethren church, in the work of which he is active.

JOHN B. GILFILAN.

On the Otterbein road, about two and one-half miles northwest of Castine, is found the handsome seventy-acre farm which is the property of John Gilfilan. Almost the only means by which one can establish the highest credit for integrity and good character generally is to maintain a long residence in one locality, where all his neighbors know him under a great variety of circumstances, test his reliability and still sustain him as a valuable citizen. By this test Mr. Gilfilan has been placed high in the esteem of an intelligent and moral community. He therefore, is deserving of more than passing mention in a work of this nature. Mr. Gilfilan has passed his entire life in Darke county, having been born on the old home place near Castine, November 17, 1866, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Miller) Gilfilan.

Robert Gilfilan was born in County Derry, Ireland, and was a lad of nine years when he emigrated to the United States, with his oldest brother, Jonathan Gilfilan. They settled first at Coatesville, Pa., where the brother embarked in the tannery business, and while residing there Robert Gilfilan received his educational training. Upon reaching young manhood he went

to West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, and subsequently came to Darke county, being for some time engaged in the tannery business at Ithaca. Later, however, he turned his attention to farming pursuits, and became one of the substantial agriculturists and land holders of his part of the State. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: Eliza J., Ethie and Ella, all deceased; John, of this review; Mrs. Laura Byers, Lottie, who married George Beard, and has one daughter, Hazel; Cora, who married Herbert Davis of Xenia, Ohio, and Clarence, of whom more later.

John Gilfilan received his education in the Castine public schools, and in the meantime spent the summer months in working on the farm. He early decided to follow in his father's footsteps as a tiller of the soil, and applied himself assiduously to gaining a thorough knowledge of that vocation. He entered upon a career of his own when twenty-six years of age, and has since developed a handsome property of seventy acres. He has confined his activities to general farming and has achieved excellent results through the intelligent application of modern methods. A Democrat in his political views, the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens has been evidenced by his election as township treasurer, of which office he has fully vindicated the confidence placed in him. The number of his friends is restricted only by the number of his acquaintances.

On November 16, 1892, Mr. Gilfilan was married to Miss Retta Freed, daughter of John and Catherine (Popp) Freed, and to this union there has been born one son, Robert.

Robert, the father of John B., died August 19, 1902, while Mrs. Robert Gilfilan is living in Castine at the age of seventy-five years.

John is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Mrs. Gilfilan is a member of the United Brethren church.

Clarence Gilfilan, a brother of John Gilfilan, and, like him, one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Butler township, is the owner of a farm of one hundred and ten acres, located about one-quarter of a mile east of Castine. He was also born on the homestead place near that city, February 7, 1875, and received his education in district school No. 7, and the Castine special school. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, working on the home farm throughout his school period, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced

cultivating a tract of land rented from his father. He has continued to follow agricultural lines to the present time, and his well-tilled fields, his substantial buildings and the general air of prosperity which hovers about his homestead testify to his skill and good management as a farmer. Mr. Gilfilan is a Democrat in politics, but his interest in public matters is confined to that taken by every good citizen who has the welfare of his community at heart. He has been prominent in the work of the United Brethren church and Sunday school, and for a long period served as superintendent of the latter.

In 1900 Clarence Gilfilan was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Peirce, daughter of Alvin and Susan (Blickenstaff) Peirce of Wayne county, Indiana, and to this union there have been born two bright and interesting children: Merrill and Dudley.

Mrs. Freed, mother of Mrs. Gilfilan, died November 20, 1903. Mrs. Freed is still living at the age of seventy-seven.

CHARLES O. MARTIN.

One of the successful business men of Darke county, Ohio, belonging to the younger generation, has illustrated in his career the opportunities that are presenting themselves to the youths of today who are possessed of enterprise, have the ability, and are not afraid of hard, persistent labor. Charles O. Martin is now owner of a flourishing mercantile business, the operations of which cover the vicinity of Savona and the surrounding country for a radius of some miles, yet but a few short years ago he entered business life in the capacity of clerk. He is a native son of Darke county, having been born in Adams township, his parents being S. W. and Josephine (Kissel) Martin.

The grandparents of Mr. Martin, John and Susan (Crider) Martin, were early resident of Adams township, settling as pioneers on land that had been entered by the grandfather during the administration of President Jackson. On this farm was born S. W. Martin, who grew up amid pioneer surroundings, attended the early subscription schools, and adopted the vocation of farmer, which he has followed all of his life. The little eighty-acre tract that formed the original homestead has grown and developed, and Mr. Martin is now one of the large landholders of the township. He and his wife have been the parents of ten children: Earl, a resident of Versailles, Ohio;

Charles O., Nelsa, who married W. H. Cook, and resides at Gettysburg, Ohio; Nora, deceased, who was the wife of Roy Whittington; Roy, a resident of Chicago, Ill.; William, who is deceased; Russell, residing with his parents on the homestead, and Ruth, Anna May and Edward, deceased.

The early education of Charles O. Martin was secured in the public school at Horatio, Ohio, and later he was a student in the country schools of Wayne township. During the time he was a pupil, he spent the summer months in working on the home farm, and afterward, while teaching school for seven years in Greenville, continued to devote his summer seasons to agricultural work. Later he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, and for some time filled a clerkship while thoroughly familiarizing himself with business methods. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings and in 1908 bought the interest of E. E. Noggle, in the establishment at Savona, which place has since been the field of his activities. Through intelligent management and earnest effort, he has succeeded in building up a business that commands a full share of patronage and has made a place for himself among the substantial men of this part of the county. October 1, 1908, Mr. Martin was appointed postmaster at Savona by President Taft, and this office he has continued to fill to the present time. He is a stalwart Democrat in his political views, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

On December 25, 1903, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Ann Catherine Grote, daughter of W. S. and Rose (Farrenkopf) Grote. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are widely known in Savona and have many friends in social circles of the village.

ELI McGRIFF.

A well-improved farm lying on West Manchester rural route No. 1, in Butler township, Darke county, is the home of Eli McGriff, prominent as a farmer and stockraiser, and that industry and perseverance are numbered among his most salient characteristics is indicated by the fact that this land has been acquired entirely through his own well directed efforts, for when he entered upon his career his capital consisted only of those gifts with which he had been endowed by nature. Mr. McGriff has the added distinction of being a native

son of Darke county, having been born on his father's farm in Twin township, and is a son of Alfred and Martha J. (Rynearson) McGriff, a comprehensive sketch of whose lives may be found in the review of Ira McGriff, elsewhere in this work.

Eli McGriff's natal day was August 10, 1860, and when he was five years of age he became a pupil in the public schools of Twin township. These he attended during the winter months, and from the time he was tall enough to grasp the plow handles he began assisting his father to develop the home property. He was thus trained in mind and body and arrived at manhood eager and able to fight his own battles with the world. He had resisted the call of the cities which lured so many young men away from the soil, and considered farming his life work. Accordingly, he rented a tract of land from his father when he was twenty-one years old, and after saving a sum of money removed from Twin township to Butler township, here renting eighty acres of land near the city of Castine. Continuing to carefully save his earnings, he eventually found himself possessed of sufficient capital to secure the Billy Kenton farm, and here he has since made his home. He has placed his land under a high state of cultivation, has improved it with a good residence and substantial barn and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and at this time has one of the best farms in Butler township. Mr. McGriff is practical and progressive in his system of farm labor and each year is rewarded with good crops, thus adding materially to his financial resources.

On December 31, 1885, Mr. McGriff was married to Miss Salome Hawes, daughter of Lycurgus and Hester (Berger) Hawes. The father, who was an agriculturist of Butler township, died some years ago in 1904 and was buried at Castine, while the mother still survives and makes her home at Arcanum. There were seven children in the Hawes family: S. A., Salome, Anna, Inez, I. H., J. F. and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. McGriff have had five children: Ruby, Blair B., Chester, Lloyd and Haskell H., of whom Ruby and Chester are now deceased.

Mr. McGriff is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Knights of the Golden Eagles, in both of which he has numerous warm and appreciative friends. He has been active in the furtherance of the interests of his community, and has been a stalwart friend of education, having served as a member of the school board for many years. He has been prompt in meeting all engagements, has never incurred an ob-

ligation which he has not filled, and has wrought along lines of business integrity as well as activity.

On December 31, 1913 Blair B. was married to Shearl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Poppaw of Darke county. They are living at the home of Eli McGriff.

The sons also belong to the Knights of the Golden Eagles.

Mr. McGriff is a stanch Democrat, but has never cared to hold office, although he has always taken an active part in seeing that the best men are elected to office.

SAMUEL BEANE.

Samuel Beane, a retired farmer residing at Painter Creek, has been a resident of Franklin township, Darke county, nearly a half century, during which he has seen some radical changes in the region. He has witnessed the development of fine farms, building of modern roads, and such improvements as provision for proper drainage, throughout Darke county. He is one of the township's most respected citizens, and has won a competence for his old age chiefly through his own efforts. He was given a start in life through a small inheritance, which he improved and developed, and throughout his active life was known for industry and enterprise. His home is well known for the hospitality there dispensed and the spirit of kindness and courtesy which inspires it. Mr. Beane was born two miles northwest of Alexandria, in the county of Preble, Ohio, June 18, 1843, son of Samuel and Sarah (Mills) Beane, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of New Jersey. The father was born August 14, 1807, came to Preble county as a young man and lived there until over sixty years of age, when he retired from active life and located in a nearby town, where he died in 1879, being buried in Preble county. His wife, who was born May 27, 1809, died in 1891 and was buried in the cemetery at West Alexandria. They had fourteen children, of whom ten reached maturity. Two sons were killed during their service in the Union army during the Civil War; one son was drowned at the mouth of the Columbia river in Oregon, and five children are now living; John, of Richmond, Indiana; Samuel, of this sketch; Mary, wife of Philip Sauer, of Eaton, Ohio; Benjamin Franklin, of

Alabama; Lucy, wife of Lewis Ashworth, of West Alexandria, Ohio.

As a boy Samuel Beane helped with the work on his father's farm near Alexandria, and received his education in the local school. He remained with his parents until his marriage, November 10, 1867, to Miss Martha Riley, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, December 23, 1844, and is a daughter of George and Sarah (Clevenger) Riley. George Riley was born in Maryland, September 17, 1804, and died in February, 1887, being buried in Montgomery county, Ohio, and his wife, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, September 20, 1809, died March 28, 1872. They were married October 22, 1828, and carried on farming operations in Warren, Preble and Montgomery counties, during their remaining years. Twelve children were born to them, of whom two sons served three years in the Union army and one during the Civil War, and four children are now living: John L., the eldest child, is a resident of Kansas; Jacob lives at Covington, Miami county, Ohio; Mrs. Beane; David, of West Alexandria. Mrs. Fannie A. Riley, widow of another son, Cornelius, is a resident of Chicago.

After marriage Samuel Beane located on a farm near Painter Creek, consisting of eighty-one and one-half acres of fine land, and this was his home for thirty-five years, during which time he was successful as a farmer and stock raiser. His land was well adapted for growing tobacco, which he found very profitable, and his son still raises that crop on this land. About 1902 he came to his present home, where he has twenty-nine one-hundredths of an acre of ground. He added to the house, repaired the outbuildings. He owns ninety-six acres of land two miles east of his home, part of which is also devoted to the raising of tobacco. He has always been known for his fair dealings and upright life and has a large number of friends. He and his wife are members of the local Christian church and he is a deacon. In politics he has been a Republican until recently, having now espoused the cause of the Prohibitionists. His first presidential vote was for Abraham Lincoln the second time he was elected to the presidency.

Mr. and Mrs. Beane had three children, all born in Franklin township: Orville, Sallie and Forest Rose. Orville was born April 11, 1869, and has been three times married, (first) to Clara Pontius, by whom he had one child, Arthur Henry, wife and child died about one year after his marriage. He

married (second) Minerva Penny, by which union three children were born: Wilbur E., Herbert S. and Myron D., and the mother of these children died June 30, 1909. His third marriage was to Regina Eisle, and one child has blessed this union, Lucy Pearl. They live on the farm in Section 30, Franklin township, where his father first began housekeeping after his marriage, and Orville Beane looks after his father's old home place. He has been very successful as a farmer and makes a specialty of tobacco.

Sallie Beane, the elder daughter, was born May 5, 1870, and is the wife of J. C. Lawrence. They live on her father's farm in Section 28, Franklin township, and have five children: Orville J., attending school at Oxford, Ohio; Nolan Lawrence, living in Miami county, married Miss Edith Kessler; Mary Alice Lawrence; George, and Albert, at home.

Forest Rose Beane, the youngest child of her parents, was born December 18, 1873, and married (first) Harry Leshner, who died in 1898 and is buried at Abbottsville. They had two children, Olive Marie, who married Clarence Unger, and they reside at Gettysburg, Ohio, and Robert Leshner, who lives with his sister. Mrs. Leshner married (second) Edward Trick, and they live in Gettysburg and have one child, Samuel.

RFUBEN KAYLOR BEAM.

A typical example of the strong manhood of Darke county is R. K. Beam, the owner of two hundred and ten acres of good land on the Ansonia turnpike, in Brown township. Born on a farm, he resisted the lure of the city, to which so many of his boyhood companions yielded, and set himself to the task of extracting wealth from the old home place. After more than thirty-five years spent in agricultural pursuits he has now retired and is quietly enjoying the fruits of his labors in his pleasant modern home, located two and one-half miles north of Ansonia. Mr. Beam was born December 28, 1851, in Brown township, and is a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Warvel) Beam. The Beams and Warvels are both of German descent.

George Beam, the grandfather of R. K. Beam, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man came to Darke county and located at Beamsville, he being a member of the family in whose honor that place was named. Subse-

quently he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Richland township, and there was born his son Solomon. The latter was given ordinary educational advantages in the old log school house, and grew up a farmer, an occupation which he followed throughout his life, meeting with well-merited success. He became a man of consequence, but died when still in the prime of life, in January 1860. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, as follows: Daniel C., a resident of Ansonia; Maria and Margaret, who are deceased; Reuben K., of this review; Pauline A., who married J. H. Ketrow; one child who died in infancy; Orinda J., who married A. J. Lickle; Leroy S., residing in Allen township; Elmira, who is deceased, and Mollie, who married Doctor Deford and lives in Allen township.

The early education of R. K. Beam was secured in the Maple Grove school, following which he became a student in the schools of Brown township and completed his education in Greenville. During all of this time he had assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead, and when the elder man died, the fourteen-year-old youth was called upon to take upon his slight but willing shoulders the burden of the management of the property. He faithfully discharged the duties of his trust, and in the meantime gained self-reliance and experience that were of the greatest value to him in the years that followed. After seeing the family firmly established on a farm of forty acres, Mr. Beam, at the age of twenty-five years, was married and started a home of his own. After renting land for several years, he purchased a forty-acre tract, the nucleus for his present handsome property. To this he added from time to time as his finances would permit, until he finally became the owner of two hundred and ten acres. On this he has made many fine improvements, the latest of which to be erected was the modern brick dwelling, built after the old home was destroyed by fire. Mr. Beam's record has always been strictly honorable, and throughout his entire career he has never been known to take an unfair advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen.

On March 15, 1877, Mr. Beam was married to Miss Sarah C. Rue, daughter of William and Lavina (Birman) Rue, and to this union there have been born nine children: Solomon A., who is engaged in the livery business at Ansonia; Myrtle, who is deceased; William, who is postmaster at Ansonia; Daisy, who married Charles Hollerbaugh; Iva, who married Ben

Sneary, of Rossburg; Beryl, who married Ira White and lives near Ansonia; Thomas J., who married Lydia Reigle; Virginia, who married Roy Lyons, and Thelma, living at home. Mr. Beam has always taken an active part in township affairs, having been a member of the fair board for a number of years and also promoting other public-spirited enterprises. In politics a Democrat, he has been stalwart in his support of his party's principles and candidates, and has been elected to a number of positions of trust and responsibility, having served as a member of the school board since reaching his twenty-first year, as assessor and county commissioner for two terms each and as township trustee six years and was appointed by Governor Foraker and served one month more. Has served about twenty-five years as member of school board and was president of the board several times. Is now sixty-two years of age and has never missed voting at any election. He is still in full mental and physical vigor and continues to be the same useful and energetic citizen whom his friends knew years ago.

Up to the time he was elected county commissioner old men had always been elected. The people had voted \$25,000 for a Children's Home, and it was built and settled during his first term and that helped elect him the second time, and secured more votes in his township and county than President Cleveland did for president.

DANIEL F. AMSPAUGH.

The agricultural interests of Brown township are ably and worthily represented by Daniel F. Amspaugh, who is owner of a well-developed tract of one hundred and forty-two acres of land, located about three and one-half miles north of Woodington, on the Fort Recovery turnpike. The salient points in Mr. Amspaugh's life history are here presented and are not without interest, showing, as they do, what can be accomplished through the exercise of industry, perseverance and sustained effort. Mr. Amspaugh was born near Logan, in Hocking county, Ohio, March 29, 1860, and is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Daubeminer) Amspaugh. His father, an agriculturist by vocation, followed farming in his native Hocking county until 1880, in which year he made removal to Darke

county, and, settling in Jackson township, made a comfortable home for his family. He was a hard-working, honest and thrifty farmer, accumulated a goodly share of the world's goods, and died respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He and his wife were faithful members of the Lutheran church. Their children were as follows: John A., a resident of Paulding county, Ohio; Tina, who married a Mr. Murray; Daniel F., Ella, who married a Mr. Denlinger; W. E., who is engaged in farming in Jackson township; Elmer, residing in Paulding county; Maggie, who became the wife of a Mr. Moyer; Lizzie, who married a Mr. Denison, and Clara, who is deceased.

While securing his educational training in the public schools of Hocking, Daniel F. Amspaugh assisted his father in cultivating the home farm, and when he was twenty years of age accompanied the family to Jackson township. Here he continued to help his father farm for three years more, and then, with him, entered the threshing business, to which was subsequently added wood sawing. Father and son traveled all over the county, and the business steadily grew in extent, the partners continuing to add to the efficiency of their equipment and finally buying a large and powerful engine. In Jackson township they also established a tilemill, but later bought a farm in Paulding county, to which Daniel F. Amspaugh moved the business, and there continued to operate for seven years. At the end of that period he disposed of his interests to his brother and returned to Darke county, buying the farm in Brown township on which he now makes his home. He has made an excellent record in the circles of trade and agriculture by reason of his enterprise, progressive spirit and honorable methods, and has a favorable acquaintance, as well in fraternal and social circles. His support is given to movements of charitable and religious nature and to those enterprises which he has reason to believe will advance the public welfare. In politics a Democrat, he served four years as trustee of Brown township, but refused to again make the race. In 1908 he was elected county commissioner, an office in which he worked earnestly for progress.

Mr. Amspaugh was married to Miss Susan Zellers, daughter of Cyrus and Mary (Jenkerson) Zellers, and to this union there have been born the following children: Dallas L., Stella M. and Josie M., all attending the Ansonia high school, and Zeller W. Elsie, Gladys V., Daniel G. and Edna.

ANDREW JACKSON LICKEL.

To the citizens of Brown township who know Andrew J. Lickel and recognize in him one of the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of his community, it is difficult to realize that he began his career as a penniless youth among strangers. A life of industry has been crowned with success, for today he is the owner of a well-cultivated tract of one hundred and thirty-four acres of land located on the Searles road, one and one-half miles northwest of Ansonia. Mr. Lickel was born June 17, 1852, on his father's farm, near Woodington, in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Deikle) Lickel, natives of Germany.

Philip Lickel, like other youths of the Fatherland, served three years in the German army. In his native land, however, he saw no future ahead of him except years of toil with but little chance of accumulating a competence, and decided to try his fortunes in America. Accordingly, after the birth of his first child, he emigrated to this country, and first settled in Buffalo, N. Y., subsequently moving to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then to Wapakoneta., Auglaize county, there securing work on the canal. He subsequently moved to Woodington, to accept employment with the Big Four railroad, and, after saving some capital, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he spent the remainder of his life in Brown township, Darke county. He was an industrious, honest and thrifty man, and fairly won the respect of those with whom he came in contact in whatever community he found himself. He and his wife, also a native of Germany, were the parents of the following children: Henry, deceased, who was born in the Fatherland; Elizabeth, also deceased; Mary J., deceased, who was the wife of the late Charles Conden, and had three children: Emma, Frank and Louis; Anna, who married Isaac Locke; William, deceased; Steven, deceased, who married Netta Wampler and had one child, Tracy; George, who is deceased, and Andrew Jackson.

Andrew J. Lickel was an infant when his mother died, and at that time he was placed in the home of William Gephart, by whom he was reared and educated, being put on a salary when fourteen years of age. He has spent his entire life on this farm since that time, and now has his one hundred and thirty-four acres under a high state of cultivation, with excellent improvements, his holdings making him one of the pros-

perous residents of the county. His life should serve to encourage and inspire others to put forth strenuous effort. Mr. Lickel has taken a deep interest in fraternal matters, and is a Master Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, at Ansonia, in which latter organization he has passed through all the chairs and is now past chancellor.

Mr. Lickel was married in October, 1877, to Miss Jane Beam, and to this union there have been born eight children: Maud, who married Herman Shinacry, and has two children; Elta and Charles; Ed, who married Clara Yohen; Margaret, who married William White, and has had two children, Nevin and Roxey, the latter deceased; Pearl, who married Harry Gilbert; Jesse, who married Frank Searl, and has had three children, Caroline, Ruby and Alice, the first-named now deceased, and Thomas, Orphie and Nora, all at home.

Mr. Lickel's friend and advisor, William Gephart, born June 6, 1835, was one of the early settlers of Darke county. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and moved to Preble county with his parents when a lad of six years. There he was educated and reared to young manhood, but after his marriage came to Darke county, where resided a sister, Mrs. Maria Wilson. Purchasing the present farm of Mr. Lickel, he continued to be engaged in tilling the soil all of the remainder of his life, and became known as one of his community's substantial and public-spirited men. In politics, he was a Democrat, although he was not an office seeker. He supported all religious creeds liberally. Mr. Gephart died March 5, 1903, while his widow, who was Isabella Rex, born April 15, 1836, the daughter of Daniel Rex, died October 5, 1913.

C. G. WERT.

The entire career of the late C. G. Wert, of Twin township, was one of unflagging industry and well-merited accomplishment, and although he died when still in the prime of life he left his family not alone a handsome competence, but also the priceless heritage of an honorable and honored name. In all his business transactions his methods were so honorable and his principles so straightforward that he commanded the confidence and esteem of all, and in business, as well as in social relations, he won many friends. Mr. Wert was born at Ithaca,

Darke county, Ohio, March 19, 1867, and was a son of Watson and Jeanette (Unger) Wert, prominent people of Darke county, where the father was widely known as a stock buyer and shipper.

After attending the common schools of his native locality, C. G. Wert turned his attention to dealing in stock, and at the time of his father's death was made manager of the Wert estate. When the affairs of this important transaction were properly settled, he became the owner of a tract of thirty-nine acres, just across the road, but disposed of this to buy a farm of forty acres in Twin township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Aside from business; he was widely and favorably known in the county of his nativity as a man of genuine personal worth, highly esteemed by many friends, while in his family he was a most devoted husband. He enjoyed the companionship of his fellows, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

On August 14, 1910, Mr. Wert was married to Miss Onda Crider, daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Crider. Mr. Crider, who came from Lewisburg to Darke county, was a prominent farmer and elevator owner, and also for some years a widely known educator. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Onda, Thomas, who married Edna Brown; Nellie, a professional nurse of Cleveland, Ohio, and Florence, a resident of Ithaca.

W. H. GANGER.

The life record of W. H. Ganger, the subject of our present sketch, is that of a self-made man; a man who, through his unflagging industry and undaunted perseverance, has achieved for himself not only a comfortable competence, but an enviable reputation for unswerving integrity and uncompromising honor. When secession reared its gory head and threatened the solidity of our nation, Mr. Ganger was one of the brave youths who fared forth to defend the flag and his gallant services as a soldier were only equalled by those which he rendered in after life as a citizen. A number of occupations have attracted his attention, and at this time he is engaged in the sale of agricultural implements at Woodington, although now somewhat retired from business activities. Mr. Ganger was

born July 22, 1842, near Greenville, in Greenville township, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Zech) Ganger.

George Ganger, the grandfather of W. H. Ganger, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man came to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. His son, Daniel Ganger, became a pioneer of Darke county, where he also followed farming and met with some success, although he died in 1848, when still in the prime of life. He married Rebecca Zach, and they became the parents of three children: W. H., Catherine, who married Arthur Swartz, and Sophia, who is deceased.

The early educational training of W. H. Ganger was secured under the tuition of John Devor, at the Armstrong school, in Jackson township, and later he attended the Brown Run school in Montgomery county, near Germantown, Ohio. His schooling was largely received in the schools of hard work and experience, as his father died when he was but six years old and it was necessary for the lad to contribute to the family's support. He early adopted the vocation of farming as his life work, and was employed as a farm hand, working by the month, when the Civil war broke across the country in all its fury, and volunteers were asked to preserve the Union. Putting aside the implements of his peaceful occupation, Mr. Ganger shouldered a musket as a member of Company G, Forty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, under Captain Newkirk, and went to Springfield in Colonel Gilbert's regiment, which was sent to West Virginia and joined the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Ganger was a soldier for four years. When his original enlistment expired he veteranized in the Eighth Ohio cavalry, and his entire service was one of intense activity. The commands with which he was connected participated in some of the heaviest and most sanguinary fighting of the war, including the battles in the Shenandoah Valley, and the various encounters in which Generals Rosecranz, Potter, Porter and Burnside engaged. At the battle of Beverly, Mr. Ganger was captured by the Confederates and for thirty days was confined in the notorious and loathsome Libby prison. He won the regard of his comrades and the respect of his officers, and when he received his honorable discharge none had a better record. It was exceedingly difficult, when these four stormy years had passed to settle down to the dull routine of everyday life, yet Mr. Ganger accepted conditions as he found them

and turned his attention to the pursuits of peace. He became engaged in the general merchandise business and as a shoe dealer at Woodington, later became the owner of a sawmill, subsequently engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and finally returned to the tilling of the soil. At this time he is the owner of a well-tilled tract of fifty-three acres, lying in Brown township and twenty-six acres at Woodington, where he resides. He is not engaged actively in farming now, however, owing to his advanced years, but carries on a thriving business in the sale of farm implements. In his various business enterprises, Mr. Ganger was able to succeed through industry, perseverance and well-directed effort, and his record as a business man, like that of a soldier, was a highly honorable one.

On December 31, 1865, Mr. Ganger was married to Miss Rebecca A. Mendenhall, daughter of W. B. and Mary (Bailey) Mendenhall, and to this union there were born four children: W. B., who is deceased; Mary Z., also deceased; A. M., who married Minola A. Bailey and has two children, John K. and Julia, and Ora L., who married Della M. Cox and has two children, Foster F. and Robert M.

Mr. Ganger is popular with his comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a stalwart Republican in his political views, and his religious belief is that of the Christian church, in which he is serving as deacon.

HARRY C. MYERS.

It is said that the legal profession is one of the most difficult in which to achieve success. It is doubtless true that to be a highly successful attorney requires ability of an exceptional order, and this must be backed by practical experience and thorough training. Harry C. Myers is well known both as an able lawyer and as being one of the most progressive and satisfactory mayors who ever presided over the affairs of Gettysburg, Ohio. He is a man of firm convictions, settled purpose, practical in his aim, whether as an attorney or a man, and has, therefore, advanced steadily to a high and substantial professional position, having been effective also in the realization of those projects which are advanced by good citizens of modern tendencies. Mr. Myers was born April 14, 1886, on the old Myers homestead farm, located one-half mile

east of Greenville, in Adams township, Darke county, and is a son of Z. T. and Lucy O. (Dershem) Myers, and a grandson of Scipio and Mary (Campbell) Myers.

John Myers, the great-grandfather of Harry Myers, fought as a soldier during the War of 1812, and following the closing of that struggle migrated to Ohio, where he became one of the first settlers of Darke county. Here he entered a farm in Adams township, and passed the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, which also commanded the attention of his son Scipio and his grandson Z. T. Myers. The latter was reared and educated in the country, where he lived an industrious and active life, and was well rewarded for his faithful labors. When his children began to grow up around him, he came to Gettysburg in order that they might receive better educational advantages than the country afforded, and here he is still making his home with his son. There are four children in the family: Aaron L., who married Dora Neth and has two children, Emmet and Robert T.; Hugh A., who married Miss O. Cole, and Harry and Ina, who make their home with their parents.

Harry Myers was graduated from the town schools when he was sixteen years of age, following which he took special work to prepare him for college. After taking a scientific course at Ada, he began the study of law, and was graduated with his degree in 1908, at which time he settled down to practice in Gettysburg. Although still a young man, he has gained something more than a local reputation, and his connection with a number of prominent cases has made him a familiar figure in the courts of Darke county. True success, such as he has won, does not come to a man possessed of ability and perseverance alone. Back of these necessary qualifications must be devotion to clients and honesty of purpose which looks beyond the mere winning of one case to the client's future. Counsel and advice which money cannot pay for, and which never appear in the attorney's bill for services, must be ever present.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Myers has served Gettysburg two terms in the capacity of mayor, and in that office gained a reputation as a man who could get results. He chose his assistants and advisers purely from the standpoint of practical efficiency, which primarily implied industry, faithfulness, honesty and experience. The result was that he was able to achieve much for his city's benefit and he has continued

to hold its interests closely at heart. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. The following are names, dates of birth and of the deaths of some of Mr. Meyers's ancestors: Jane Hart Campbell, born October 7, 1816, died August 11, 1822; Rebecca Campbell, born July 10, 1818, died November 23, 1840; Mary Campbell (Myers), born May 27, 1820, died September 24, 1892; Elizabeth Stewart Campbell, born February 26, 1822, died May, 1861; Jane Hart Campbell, born May 10, 1824, died April, 1896; Hugh Alexander Campbell, born August 7, 1826, died January 22, 1909; Nancy Bell Campbell (Stoltz), born August 14, 1828; died April 1, 1906; David M. Campbell, born April 13, 1831, died October, 1902; Florence McClain Campbell, born Sept. 4, 1833, died Nov. 12, 1833; infant sister, born September 4, 1833, died September 4, 1833; James Armstrong Campbell, born September 13, 1834, died February 16, 1888; Armstrong Campbell, born April 30, 1784, died May 16, 1865; Margaret J. Campbell, born May 4, 1792, died December 23, 1867.

Stewart Family: Margaret Stewart, born May 4, 1792, died December 23, 1867; James Stewart, born December 5, 1756, died March 5, 1819; Jane Stewart, born June, 1755 (first wife), died February 19, 1798; Elizabeth Stewart, born July 4, 1763 (second wife), died December 12, 1821; William Stewart, born February 25, 1781, died April 24, 1808; David Stewart, born May 24, 1784; John Stewart, born January 4, 1786; James Stewart, born February 4, 1788; Andrew Stewart, born January 29, 1790; Jane Stewart, born August 17, 1794.

WILLIAM H. HORNER.

Seventeen continuous years in the office of postmaster is the record of William H. Horner of Gettysburg, Ohio, who is also prominently identified with the commercial interests of this city. Both as public official and business man his record has been above reproach, and the high esteem in which he is universally held by his fellow citizens has been gained through honorable and straightforward dealing. Mr. Horner is a native son of Darke county, having been born on a farm in Adams township, about one and one-half miles southwest of Greenville, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (Reck) Horner.

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Alexander Horner, the paternal grandfather of William H. Horner, was a farmer of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but felt that he could better his condition in the new State of Ohio, and accordingly drove through to Darke county in pioneer style, bringing with him his wife, Elizabeth (Agnew) Horner, and their children. At the time of this migration his son Alexander, who had been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, was a lad, and in the home locality received his education in the subscription schools. He adopted farming for his life work, and became one of his community's substantial and successful citizens. He married Mary Reck, whose father came from near Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, entered land from the government, but made three trips back to the Keystone State before finally deciding to settle permanently in Adams township. Seven children were born to Alexander and Mary Horner, namely: Nancy, who is deceased; Sarah J., who married a Mr. Harmon and has nine children; James A., who married Jane VanLue and has one child; William H., born August 1, 1856; Silas I., who married Dollie Welsh and has five children; Mary, who married Mr. Seaman, and Clair, who married H. Dershem.

William H. Horner began his education in Black Top school district No. 8, when he was seven years of age, and there secured excellent advantages this being one of Adams township's best schools and always employing learned educators, among whom was Martha Keeform. At the age of twenty-one years he entered upon a career of his own. He had been reared to agricultural pursuits, and at this time became a renter, subsequently purchasing about forty acres of good land in Adams township. He farmed for about five years and then came to Gettysburg to take up bridge contracts, as well as those for gravel pikes, and eventually turned his attention to the grocery business in 1886. He has been successfully conducting a store ever since, and now handles all kinds of general merchandise. In 1897 he received from president McKinley the appointment to the office of postmaster, and through all these years he has faithfully discharged the duties of his office. Mr. Horner is a man universally liked. Although at all times a busy man he is easily approachable. He is one of Gettysburg's most public spirited and progressive citizens, and no movement for the real advancement of the city is launched that does not receive his active and hearty co-operation, and where the project is one that requires financial subscription

his gift is always a liberal one. While he belongs to no particular church, he has ever been ready to aid worthy religious and charitable movements. His political faith is that of the Republican party.

Mr. Horner was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Willis, daughter of Lemuel L. and Abigail (Martin) Willis, and to this union there have been born five children: Ruby M., who is deceased; Daisy, who married Ira Boyer, and has one daughter, Gertrude; Mack; Hazel, who married Mose Etter, and Helen, who married Harry L. Kent.

N. R. BAYMAN.

For a quarter of a century N. R. Bayman has been carrying on agricultural pursuits in Brown township, and at this time he is the owner of a well-tilled tract of eighty acres, located on the Bayman road, about two miles northeast of Ansonia, Ohio, in addition to which he owns land in York township. In the management of his property he has displayed discernment and unfaltering energy, and his land has always brought him goodly returns in the shape of bounteous harvests. Mr. Bayman was born in York township, Darke county, Ohio, April 8, 1862, and is a son of Washington and Sarah Jane (York) Bayman. His father was born on a farm in Wayne township, near Versailles, Ohio, there received a common school education, and was reared to farming, which occupied his attention throughout his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Martha Berry, who is deceased; Irvin of Beamsville, Ohio; N. R., Thomas, Frank, and Charles of Larue, Ohio; John; Pearl, who is unmarried, and Idella and an infant, both deceased.

N. R. Bayman received his education in the country schools of York township, and, as was the custom with farmers' sons of his day, helped his father with the farm work when not engaged in prosecuting his studies. At the time of his marriage, he became a renter in York township and later was similarly engaged on a property in Richland township, but he was always ambitious to own a farm of his own, and saved his earnings carefully with this end in view. In 1890 he found himself possessed of sufficient capital to secure his present farm, and this he has continued to cultivate to the present time. He has

good buildings, modern machinery, first-class improvements of every kind, and makes every acre of his land pay him handsomely for the work expended upon it. Among his associates Mr. Bayman is known as a man of strict integrity and his record entitles him to recognition as one of the representative men of his township. Mr. Bayman is a Democrat in politics and for some years has served capably as a member of the board of school directors. He is a member of the Christian church, the movements of which he supports liberally, and no worthy charity appeals to him in vain.

On December 29, 1887, Mr. Bayman was married to Miss Ella Coppess, daughter of Jacob and Clara (Plessinger) Coppess, and to this union there have been born three children, namely: Harold, Lowell and Claire.

GEORGE W. TEEGARDEN.

The rich agricultural resources of Darke county have afforded to George W. Teegarden the opportunities for success in life, and for the past forty-five years he has been engaged in cultivating the Teegarden farm, a tract of one hundred acres of fine land in Brown township, on the Fort Recovery road, about three miles west of Ansonia and about nine miles north of Greenville. He was born on this property, January 23, 1849, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Teegarden.

In 1688, in Prussia, was born Abraham Teegarden, Sr., and to him was born a son who was also named Abraham Teegarden, Jr. He was born in 1718. These two came to the United States in 1736 and located in Philadelphia, Pa., where they "qualified," or, as we would now say, became naturalized citizens. Later in life both did military duty and it has been said in Revolutionary war, but it would seem that Abraham Teegarden, Sr., would have been almost too old to have seen active service at that time.

In that State was born Moses Teegarden in 1762, a son of Abraham, Jr. As his father and grandfather had been the founders of the family in America so he became the founder of the family in Butler county, Ohio. He settled near Oxford. He was grandfather of our subject, George W. Teegarden and to him was born a son Abraham in Butler

county, September 5, 1797. His mother's maiden name was Mary Huston. This was the father of George W. and was reared in Butler county and in young manhood moved to Darke county in 1819 being about twenty-two years of age. On October 4, 1827, he was married to Elizabeth K. Stephenson, who was born in Boone county, Kentucky, March 4, 1808. She came to Darke county, Ohio, with her parents in 1816. These two spent the remainder of their lives in agricultural pursuits in Brown township. They were both members in the Presbyterian church and as followers of the meek and lowly Jesus they were always ready to help the poor and needy and to lend a helping hand to those who were sick. They became the owners of nine hundred and twenty acres of land in Brown and Jackson townships. They were the parents of the following children: David H., born December 7, 1828, now deceased; Mary Ellen, deceased; James M., who served as a Union soldier, in Company K, Ninety-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry during the war and died in the service; Moses, born April 9, 1836, and died January 22, 1914; Andrew P., born September 13, 1838, served in the Civil war and is now deceased; Matilda, born March 11, 1841, now deceased; John W., born January 5, 1844, served as a Union soldier during the war and died August 9, 1904; Elizabeth Ellen, born September 7, 1846, now deceased; George W., of this review, and Jasper, born March 23, 1852, now deceased.

George W. Teegarden received his education in Brown township school district No. 3 in winter and on the home farm during the summer months, where the lessons he learned while assisting the father and brothers in cultivating the farm were of no less importance than the ones he learned at school. When about nineteen years of age he spent a year in the west in the two States of Illinois and Iowa. He then returned to the home farm and has since then made his home and has met with a fair degree of success cultivating the farm where he now lives.

On March 19, 1885, he was married to Miss Rhoda Rants, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Knapp) Rants. Her father was born April 30, 1815. He served in Union army and died June 12, 1895. Her mother was born January 23, 1820, and died November 25, 1878. Mr. Rants was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and when a youth of eighteen years came to Fort Recovery, Ohio, and there learned the trade of tailor. At the time of his death he was one of the honored citizens and

successful business men of Collett, Indiana. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Marietta, Babe and John, all deceased; Emaline married James Macy; David married Margaret Cunningham; Sarah married Rev. Thomas Beaber; Rhoda married George W. Teegarden; Lorinda married Jackson Adkins, and Susan married Joel Pickard. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Teegarden have one daughter, Zona, born on home farm on August 11, 1887. She first attended the school where her father had attended in his boyhood days after she took the Patterson examination she received a diploma June 10, 1905. Later she took a one-year course at the Ansonia, Ohio, high school. On August 10, 1912, she was married to George H. Jenkinson, a farmer, who is managing the Teegarden farm. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkinson have one son, Abraham Teegarden Jenkinson, born June 26, 1913, on the Teegarden farm, which his great grandfather, Abraham Teegarden, entered from United States government in 1819. In politics Mr. Teegarden is a Republican and in all of life's relations he stands for those things which work for upright manhood, for loyalty in citizenship and for fidelity in friendship.

JOYCE W. VANLUE, M. D.

Although but a recent acquisition to the ranks of the medical fraternity of Darke county, Dr. Joyce W. VanLue has already attracted attention to himself by reason of his professional skill and inherent talents, and as a result his practice is steadily increasing. Dr. VanLue's entire professional career has been passed in Gettysburg, where he is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He is a native son of Darke county, having been born October 5, 1891, on a farm in Adams township, and is a son of F. M. and Mary Ann (Reck) VanLue. His father was born in Butler county, went to the country school, and as a young man adopted farming as his life work. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Noble and Vinnie, who are deceased; Viola, Genevieve, Lottie and Joyce W.

The early education of Dr. VanLue was secured in district No. 8, Adams township, and after attending the Gettysburg high school for one year, became a pupil in the Greenville high school, which he attended four years. Following some pre-

paratory work in the office of Doctor Monger, he entered upon his medical studies in the Ohio Miami Medical College, and was graduated in June, 1913. He then came to Gettysburg and entered the office of Dr. J. E. Monger, his former preceptor, to whose practice he has succeeded. Even in an age which recognizes young men and places responsibilities upon them which in the past have been laid only upon the shoulders of those of more mature years, we seldom find one of twenty-three years who has made such rapid strides in his profession. With an inherent love for his work, trained thoroughly in every department of medicine, the Doctor has been able to reach a foremost position and has continued to maintain it. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the various discoveries and advancements made in his calling, is a member of various medical societies and subscribes to the leading journals of medicine. In political matters he is a Democrat, but he has not cared for public office. He lends his support to all religious creeds.

ARTHUR FARRA.

One of the sturdy and self-reliant business men of Darke county who has been the architect of his own fortunes and has succeeded in his ventures because of well-applied and earnest effort, is Arthur Farra, who is engaged in the bakery business at Gettysburg in partnership with his brother. He was born June 27, 1887, on Sweitzer street, Greenville, Ohio, and is a son of W. H. and Sadie E. (Westfall) Farra. His father was a native of Winchester, Ind., from which place he came to Ohio in boyhood, settling near the cemetery on the old Ludy farm, and there the grandparents Reuben and Elnora (Nice) Farra, carried on agricultural pursuits. W. H. Farra went to the public schools of Darke county, and as a young man adopted farming as his life work. He was known as a courageous and loyal citizen, and his fellow townspeople held him in the highest esteem. Mr. Farra was appointed deputy sheriff of Darke county, and met his death while in the performance of duty. Two children were born to him: Arthur and Walter.

Arthur Farra went to the common schools of Greenville, but his education was somewhat interfered with by the sudden death of his father, which event made it necessary that

both Arthur and Walter should commence to work at an early age. He accordingly learned the trade of baker, at Greenville, and this has since been his field of endeavor. For some years he was employed by others, but finally he entered business on his own account, by establishing a bakery at Gettysburg, and here he has built up an excellent trade. In 1910 he sold a half interest in the business to Walter Farra, and the brothers now work together. Both are alert, energetic business men and thorough masters of their trade, and the breads and pastries which come from their airy and well-ventilated shop are unexcelled.

Mr. Farra has never married. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, in the faith of which he was reared, and in political affairs votes with the Democratic party, although politics have not interested him actively.

JOHN EMERSON MONGER, M. D.

Dr. John Emerson Monger has won a high reputation in Darke county as physician and surgeon and has taken a prominent part in professional matters in the region for a number of years past. He belongs to one of the old families of Massachusetts, the name originally being spelled "Munger." The first known ancestor was Jonathan Monger, who landed in Massachusetts in 1660, locating at what became known as Monger's Cove. One of his descendants, Lewis Monger, born in 1729, served in the French and Indian war and in later life was a "Minute Man" in the Revolution, thus making his descendants eligible for various patriotic societies. The descent followed through Lewis Monger's son Daniel, born in 1756; and through successive generations: George, born in 1778; Lewis (2) Monger, born in 1803; George (2), born in 1827; Francis M., born in 1853, and John Emerson. The latter has in his possession copies of old family records and legal papers and takes great interest in the history and achievements of his ancestors.

Mr. Monger was born October 19, 1877, near Connersville, Fayette county, Indiana, son of Francis Marion and Anchor J. Monger. The father, who was a contractor by occupation, invented a band cutter and feeder for a threshing machine, which equipment is used today with almost no alteration, and

which had considerable influence in promoting the usefulness and popularity of the machine in question, which has had such a wonderful effect in farm work. The mother died when John Emerson Monger was a small child and he was reared by an aunt and uncle, T. H. and Estella Monger, who gave him a good education and instilled into his mind and heart the upright principles and truths which have guided his mature years. He attended the common school and the Greenville high school and secured a teacher's certificate. Later he entered the medical department of Ohio University, which he attended from 1898 till 1902, graduating with the degree of M. D. during the latter year. He had won high honors during his course and from 1900 until 1902 had charge of the Obstetrical Clinic in the college. He embarked in his profession in Wheeling, W. Va., where he gained valuable experience as assistant to Dr. Rudolph Rau, a successful surgeon. In 1903 Doctor Monger located at Gettysburg, Darke county, where he remained ten years, building up a large practice. In September, 1913, he formed a partnership with J. W. VanLue, M. D., and moved to Greenville, where he now resides, and they have an office in Gettysburg as well as one in Greenville.

Both have a high standing in professional circles and Doctor Monger served two years (1906-08) as president of Darke County Medical Society, and in 1909 as president of the District Medical Society. For six years he served as delegate from Darke county to the American Medical Association. In politics he is a Democrat. He enlisted in the Third Ohio National Guard for service in the Spanish-American war in 1898 and served until November of the same year, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. In 1906 he was elected county coroner and served two years, giving his best services to the people. He is much interested in historical matters and helped materially in the organization of the Darke county Historical Society in 1903, becoming its first secretary. This society has preserved much of the early history of the region that otherwise would have been lost to the knowledge of its citizens and to future generations. He is active and well known in many circles and has a host of friends who wish him well and value his friendship highly.

On May 29, 1905, Doctor Monger was united in marriage with Miss Nell, daughter of F. M. and Louisa Hough, and two children have blessed their union, Thomas Hough, born March 3, 1907, and Mary E., born April 3, 1909.

D. F. WITWER.

In our present-day civilization, the greatest prosperity is attained by adaptation to the environments necessitated by the increasing density of population, and he who soonest recognizes this fact in his methods of practice will, other things being equal, the soonest attain a competence and be prepared to enjoy old age far better than he did his youth. After a long career as an agriculturist, being known as one of the best tobacco growers in Darke county, D. F. Witwer is now living in quiet retirement, on his property located one mile west of Bradford. He was born April 24, 1858, on the old homestead place in Adams township, this county, and located about one and one-half miles northeast of Gettysburg, and is a son of David and Catherine (Miller) Witwer, both of whom came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

David Witwer grew to manhood in Lancaster county, and there had a small home, where his older children were born. Some time during the 'fifties he came to Darke county, Ohio, and settled near Gettysburg, where he continued to be engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children: Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Catherine and Henry, all of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; D. F., Jacob, Anna and John, and Peter and Samuel and Emma, who are deceased.

D. F. Witwer secured ordinary educational advantages, working on the home farm throughout the period of his school-days. At the age of eighteen years he embarked upon a career of his own, working on a farm for one year and spending a like time in a tile mill. At that time he took up the trade of carpenter, which he followed for only a short period, then again becoming a farmer, as a renter. After two years Mr. Witwer purchased his present property, which had been allowed to run down until it was practically ruined. Mr. Witwer, however, knew what was necessary to do under the circumstances, and after he had tilled his land and made it productive, he erected a new set of buildings and made numerous other improvements, so that it became one of the best tobacco farms in the county, furnishing a product that brought the highest prices in the markets. He now has seventy-five acres, but is retired from active work and rents his land. For a short period Mr. Witwer was a resident of Bradford, and while there

bought a small piece of land one mile west of Bradford, where he now resides. He is well known to the people of his community as a good and public-spirited citizen, and well merits the esteem in which he is generally held.

On February 12, 1880, Mr. Witwer was married to Miss Laura B. Zimmerman, daughter of Adam Zimmerman, and they have four children: Ed R., who married Alice Bosserman, and has had two children, Marvin and Walton, the former deceased; Wilber I., who married Mary Cassel and has one son, Robert; Harley, who married Emma Hile and has two children, Genert and Opal, and Goldie, who married Harry C. Young, and has two children, Gerald and Zelma. In political matters a Republican, Mr. Witwer is at this time serving very acceptably as a member of the township board of trustees. He supports worthy measures of every nature, is a member of the local horse thief association, and can be counted upon to vote the right way in matters of public importance.

THOMAS BENTON WILSON.

The career of Thomas Benton Wilson has been an interesting one in that it has been filled with experiences in various fields of endeavor. Both as merchant and farmer he has won success, both in Ohio and Indiana, and today his farm in Brown township, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, is considered one of the very valuable properties of Darke county. Mr. Wilson was born on the old homestead place, located about one mile northwest of Ansonia, Darke county, and is a son of John L. and Maria (Gephart) Wilson.

Mr. Wilson's birth occurred November 23, 1865. He was given good educational advantages, first going to the public schools of Ansonia, where he was graduated, and in the meanwhile spending all of his spare time in assisting his father to operate the home farm. Later he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he took a full course in the Eastman Business College and was graduated with honors, in the class of 1884. He then returned to his home, but shortly thereafter went to Petersburg, Pike county, Indiana, at which place he was engaged for a time in the grocery business. After this experience he again came home and took up agricultural work, renting land for farming for seven years, this property belonging to his

father. Succeeding this, Mr. Wilson was for five years a resident of Ansonia, where he lived a retired life, was then for twelve years located at Peru, Ind., as superintendent of the eight hundred acre farm belonging to Dr. C. J. Helm, and in the spring of 1913 came to his present farm, where he has erected a handsome home, provided with modern conveniences of all kinds, as well as substantial barns and outbuildings. Mr. Wilson is a progressive business man and has ever sought to advance the interests of whatever community has been the scene of his activities.

On June 20, 1888, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Emmie Quimby, daughter of Abraham and Anna (Hoffhines) Quimby, the former born at Newark, N. J., and moved to Terre Haute, Ind., in young manhood. In that city Mr. Quimby became prominent as the proprietor of a large woolen mill, and in that community his children were reared. They were as follows: Emma, who married Mr. Wilson; George, who is now deceased, and Mary L., who married Mr. Hendricks. Later the family moved to Petersburg, Ind., and in the public schools of that place Mrs. Wilson completed her educational training. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have had one daughter, Georgianna. They are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and in political matters Mr. Wilson is a Democrat.

ORTHA HAYS MYERS.

This sterling representative of one of the pioneer families of Darke county has been a resident of his present property all of his life, it being the old family homestead. His life has been one of industry and activity and has been marked by consistent and merited advancement. Mr. Myers is the owner of eighty acres of land in Adams township, and the esteem in which he is generally held by his fellow citizens was evidenced at the last election, when he was made a trustee of the township. He was born on his present farm, May 14, 1876, and is a son of John and Alice (Rick) Myers, natives of this township, the former of whom is a brother of Taylor Myers, the latter being the father of Harry G. Myers, a review of whose life will be found on another page of this work.

Ortha Hays Myers was educated in the public schools of Gettysburg, Ohio, and during his spare time assisted his

father in the work of the home place. At the time of his graduation, he engaged in agricultural work and was so engaged until the outbreak of the war with Spain, when he enlisted as a member of Company C, Third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, under Captain Horner and Colonel White. Upon the close of hostilities, he returned to the homestead, and soon thereafter was able to purchase the property from the other heirs. He has continued to follow general farming and stock raising, and has met with success because of his good management, foresight and industry. He is a friend of progress, uses modern methods and machinery in his work and makes his land pay him handsomely for the labor he expends upon it.

Mr. Myers was married in 1901 to Miss Bessie Gibbony, daughter of John and Belle (Cain) Gibbony, who came to Ohio from the State of Pennsylvania and settled in the vicinity of Versailles. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers: Gladys, Ivor, Georgie, Ethel and Alice Belle. In his political views Mr. Myers has always supported Republican principles and policies.

W. A. MINTON, M. D.

One of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Darke county is found in the person of Dr. W. A. Minton, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Bradford. Doctor Minton was born February 26, 1873, at Bradford, and is a son of Dr. W. H. H. and Margaret (Faulkner) Minton, and a grandson of William Minton. His father, born at Dayton, August 13, 1836, came to Miami county, Ohio, as a lad of ten years, located on a farm at Painter Creek, about three miles east of Bradford, and there completed his education in the old log school house. A piece of one of the logs of which this school was constructed is still in the possession of Dr. W. A. Minton. W. H. H. Minton took a course in the Covington high school, and then took a preparatory course in Oxford College, following which he became a student in the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati. While there the Civil war broke out and he enlisted as assistant surgeon in the Union army, where he secured valuable experience. When the war closed he settled down to practice at West Milton, from

whence he removed to Bradford where he practiced about forty years. He died in 1907. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Dr. W. A., Paul B. and Ruth.

W. A. Minton went first to the public schools of Bradford, and in 1891 was graduated from the high school here. Following this he went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he took a classical course, and succeeding his graduation became a student at Starling University, at Columbus, where he remained one year and then two years at Louisville Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1894. Doctor Minton then did some interne work in hospitals and finally settled down to regular practice in association with his father. Through his skill and knowledge he has been able to build up an excellent professional business and in the ranks of his calling there are few men held in higher esteem. He continues a student, keeping fully abreast of the changes that are marking its advance and is a valued member of the county and State medical societies. He is local surgeon for the Pennsylvania railroad at Bradford. His fraternal connection is with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church.

On April 30, 1895, Doctor Minton was married to Miss Jessie Darner, daughter of John and Mary (Metz) Darner.

In 1912 Dr. Bradford had built a residence and office combined on the corner of Miami avenue and School street. Two stories, basement under whole house. In residence part there are eight rooms and a bath; in office four commodious rooms. It is of brick and stone, with hot water heating plant, electric lighted and of a sanitary construction. He moved into it in 1913. It is the finest and best residence in Bradford.

L. BIGLER, M. D.

For a quarter of a century or more this sterling citizen of Gettysburg has occupied a distinctive place among the members of the medical profession in Darke county. His superior attainments and ability placed him in the front rank ere he had been engaged in practice many years, and, indeed, from his initial steps in his chosen profession it was manifest that his success was assured. By nature and acquired knowledge he is pre-eminently fitted for his vocation, his sympathetic nature and devotion to the interests of his patients having aided him

materially in securing position and reputation. Doctor Bigler was born April 28, 1862, near Gettysburg, Darke county, Ohio, and is a son of Nicodemus C. and Hannah (Hershey) Bigler. The Hershey family was the first to come to Gettysburg, and the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., during the Civil war was contested on the old Fiarney (grandmother to Doctor Bigler) farm. The Bigler family was founded in the United States by the grandfather of Doctor Bigler, who came to this country from Germany in company with his two brothers, and took up his residence in Pennsylvania, where he married and spent the remainder of his life. Nicodemus C. Bigler was a native of the Keystone State, and was a young man when he came to Darke county, Ohio, the family settling on government land, about two miles north of Gettysburg, Ohio. Mr. Bigler became one of the early school teachers of the county, and for many years up to the time of his death, was widely and favorably known in educational circles. He died at Goshen, Ind., and is there buried, while the mother still survives.

The early education of Doctor Bigler was secured in the country schools, completing the common branches in school district No. 12, in Adams township. He then took the examination and received a teacher's license, but taught only a short time, having decided to take up the study of medicine. After two years of preparatory work, he entered Keokuk Medical College, later entered the medical department of the Ohio State University, where he was graduated, and at that time found himself about \$1,000 in debt. Going to Horatio, Ohio, the young physician "hung out his shingle," and entered upon his career with self-reliance and sincere faith in his own abilities. A period of partial inactivity followed, while the young physician was working for recognition, but his talents did not long remain unrecognized, and his practice was soon paying him amply. In 1900, Doctor Bigler came to Gettysburg, and here has continued in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative professional business. In 1904 he took post work in Barns's Medical College, St. Louis, Mo. He was graduated at the medical department of the Ohio State University.

In 1898 Doctor Bigler was united in marriage with Miss Sara Stover, daughter of Emanuel and Johanna (Mohler) Stover. They are consistent members of the Brethren church. In his political relations, Doctor Bigler has cast his fortunes with the new Progressive party. He has served acceptably as a member of the school board and is friendly to all things which make for education, morality and good citizenship.

ANDREW ROBISON CALDERWOOD.

The law as practiced and exemplified in person by the late Andrew Robison Calderwood, held its majesty. Profound respect, unfailing confidence and wholesome awe are vital necessities in the maintenance of order, and the services of such men as Mr. Calderwood in upholding the best dignities and traditions of the bar cannot be too highly valued. Possibly he will be remembered only by the older members of the profession in Darke county; yet his influence will continue to remain, and his probity, integrity and uncompromising fidelity to each and every duty should continue as watchwords for those who hope to attain not alone the rewards resulting from material success, but the honor that is granted to those whose lives are respected because they have been lived in a manner that merits respect.

Mr. Calderwood was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 14, 1818, a son of George and Margaret (Robison) Calderwood, natives of Huntington county, Pennsylvania, where they were married September 14, 1811. In the fall of 1817 the parents moved to Montgomery county, Ohio, and in 1832 removal was made to Darke county, Ohio, where the father died September 7, 1849. The mother survived until August 12, 1873. Although reared a farmer, Andrew R. Calderwood's aspirations led him into the field of law, and his assiduous and well-applied study allowed him to be admitted to the bar in 1851. Three years later he was elected to the office of probate judge, and he was so serving when secession threatened the Union. Laying aside the ermine, he shouldered the musket in defense of his country and after serving for a time as second lieutenant was promoted to the rank of captain of Company I, Fortieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. It was his misfortune to meet a soldier's injury while in the service, being thrown from his horse, and was forced to resign, but when he regained his health again showed his willingness to go to the front, and by reason of his acknowledged ability was reinstated as captain of his old company, given him by Governor Todd. Six months later he was again incapacitated, this time by the loss of his voice, yet was loath to leave the service, and therefore was placed as recruiting officer, a capacity in which he served until the close of hostilities between the States.

Having proven himself an able, efficient and faithful soldier, Judge Calderwood took up the practice of law again and showed that he could serve with as much reliability and honor in the ranks of peace. His practice brought him into connection with newspaper men, and he was induced to become editor of the "Sunday Courier," a Republican newspaper, with which he continued to be connected throughout the remainder of his life. Although tempted by the journalistic field, Judge Calderwood never lost his love for the law, and among the older practitioners of the State he is remembered as a valuable associate and a worthy opponent. Had 101 first-degree murder cases and sentence was not pronounced on a single client. All men but one.

His three terms as mayor of Greenville brought forth his excellent executive and managerial ability, and it is remembered that this city has had no more popular official. He was not a politician in the generally accepted meaning of the word, but answered always the call of the people, and in 1868 allowed his name to be presented before the Republican Congressional Convention of the Fourth District, but, owing to political conditions at the time, met with defeat by a small margin of the delegate vote. In his death, in 1891, Darke county lost a man who had been true to every principle as he saw it, who had discharged life's duties conscientiously and fearlessly, who had asked no favor but who had granted many—a clean-lived, clean-spoken man among men; truly "one of God's own gentlemen."

EDGAR A. GRUBBS.

Lessons are daily brought home to us; tuition is ours for the asking in the various fields of human endeavor; we need no school or instructors to show us in which direction we must lay the course of our energies to gain position and success. It is true that study is needed, but the careers of the men who have tried and have attained furnish better instruction than can be gained through any other line. One of the best of these lessons is that a real man does not allow himself to know that the word "quit" has found a place in our dictionary, our vocabulary or our personality. We may take a case in this connection and illustrate the point—the career of Edgar A.

Grubbs, of Greenville. He has known adversity—he has felt its sting and its humiliation; but he has risen above those things which make for trouble financially, and through a cheerful nature and an energetic life because he has not forgotten the dark days of his career, he has been able and willing to help others over the obstacles that lie in the path of ambition.

Edgar A. Grubbs is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born near Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, September 2, 1859, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Denise) Grubb. Brought up on a farm, his early schooldays were passed in the institutions taught by country instructors, but when he was fourteen years of age his parents removed to Greenville, and there he enjoyed the training of the city schools. One more year of high school would have seen his graduation, but desiring a business education, he entered the Queen City Business College, at Cincinnati, where, upon graduation, he received a higher grade than had ever been granted to a student before in that school. Mr. Grubbs's advent in the present business occurred in 1884, although he had previously familiarized himself with the grain trade by working in vacations during his school days. In the year mentioned he began buying grain in carload lots from dealers in Ohio and Indiana for export houses in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and this enterprise developed into a trade that called for shipments of wheat, principally of the milling variety, to eastern Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The vicissitudes and changes of the times found Mr. Grubbs a heavy investor, and like many of his associates he was forced to undergo difficulties, discouragements and disappointments, but his straightforward policy, his undying self-reliance and his indomitable courage brought him safely through the storm which engulfed so many, and when the waters had calmed his bark was found serenely floating on the top wave of success.

Today Mr. Grubbs is known as the largest dealer in grain in western Ohio. His ownership of the E. A. Grubbs Grain Company (he has no partner), however, is only one of his important connections. He owns a large amount of the stock of the Greenville Feed Company, buying hay largely in carload lots in western Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and was one of the organizers of this company in 1904. Probably no man is better known in the trade, as evidenced by his valued membership in the Ohio Grain Dealers' Association, the Indiana Grain Dealers' Association, the Grain Dealers' National Asso-

ciation, the Ohio Millers' Association, the Pennsylvania State Millers' Association and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. That he is one of the most important factors in the commercial life of Greenville may be deduced from the fact that if he left Greenville or retired from business a large portion of the postoffice receipts would be cut down; nearly sixty per cent. of the Western Union Telegraph Company receipts would be cut off; the income of the two telephone companies would be greatly reduced, and a large portion of the banking business would cease. In proof of these statements, quotations may be taken from statements by John Garber, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, of Greenville, who said: "From fifty to sixty per cent. of all the business done in our office comes through the E. A. Grubbs Grain Company;" by the chief operator of the Bell Telephone Company, who said: "Mr. Grubbs's telephone bill in this office is one-fourth of the total toll receipts," and by Miss Kuntz, chief operator of the Home Telephone Company, who stated that his toll amounts to over one-twentieth of the toll receipts. The transactions of the E. A. Grubbs Grain Company are of a strictly legitimate, non-speculative nature. Millions of bushels of grain are bought and sold by mail, telegraph and telephone, and every bushel is paid for in cash through the Greenville National Bank and Second National Bank of Greenville. Purchase of grain is carried on with elevator owners in Ohio and Indiana, and at times with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and other large markets. For years the amount of mail sent out by this one firm has equalled one-eighth of the total receipts of the Greenville postoffice. It is safe to say that the total amount of money paid annually for grain by this company amounts to from two to four times the sum handled by any other firm in Greenville. In addition to managing this gigantic industry, Mr. Grubbs finds time to devote some attention to the transactions of the Greenville Feed Company, the greater part of the purchases of which are brought to the transfer house, located at D. & U. and Cincinnati Northern crossing, where it is unloaded, graded, weighed and reshipped east and south. The Greenville Feed Company also buys hay and straw from the farmers around Greenville, where the local demand cannot meet the price it is worth on a shipping basis.

In 1880 Mr. Grubbs became a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M., of which he served as secretary, subsequently took the Chapter degrees at Greenville, the Knight

Templar degrees at Troy and the Scottish Rite degrees at Dayton and Cincinnati, and is now a Mason of the thirty-second degree, also a Shriner. His connection with politics is embodied in his support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, for which he has cast his ballot since his first vote, given to President Garfield in 1880. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the United Commercial Travelers. Reared in the United Brethren church, he subsequently became a member of the Episcopal church at Greenville, and for several years has served as a vestryman.

On June 5, 1888, Mr. Grubbs was married at Greenville, Ohio, to Miss Olive J. Mote, who was born and reared in this city. She was a daughter of John and Jennie (Folkerth) Mote.

Mrs. Grubbs passed away on December 23, 1904, leaving no children. Her place in society and her loss to her friends was far greater than the writer can express. She was a woman of literary attainments and an earnest worker in the Episcopal church. She was the organizer and the trainer of the boy's choir.

Her death at so early an age was mourned by all and her memory will be held in high esteem by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Mr. Grubbs's home is at 431 West Third street. His office is at 519 Broadway, Greenville, Ohio.

W. J. PERRY.

In the career of W. J. Perry is exemplified to a marked degree the fact that merit wins recognition and that faithfulness and conscientious service always bring just rewards, although sometimes they may seem delayed. Mr. Perry enjoys the distinction of being manager of the house with which he commenced his business life and all of his efforts have been directed in its behalf, a somewhat unusual thing in these days of constant changes, permeated with a feeling of unrest. Probably Mr. Perry would have succeeded as well in a different field, for he possesses those qualities which make for progress, but Greenville ought to feel gratified that in the place of his birth, this forceful man has found his life work. Mr. Perry was born October, 1866, at Greenville, Ohio, where he is now manager of the Moore Shoe Company.

Thomas and Eleanor (Woods) Perry, the parents of W. J. Perry, were natives of Ohio, the father having been born in Miami county, while the mother was born and reared in German township, Darke county. When Thomas Perry was a small child, he was brought to Darke county by his parents who located on a farm bordering on the old State road in Washington township, near the Indiana State line. There they became heavy property owners and people of importance. Thomas Perry developed into a reliable, responsible young man upon his father's homestead, and in addition to farming, learned to be a carriage builder. With the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted for service in Company E, Sixty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and later re-enlisted, and served until the close of hostilities, a portion of the time being specially detailed as a hospital steward. After his return home, he was married October 5, 1865, to Eleanor Woods, a daughter of Jesse and Anna (Stephens) Woods, of German township. Some time later he moved to Greenville to work at his trade, but later was made deputy sheriff by Sheriff John Hall, thus continuing until the latter's term expired. In 1877, Thomas Perry went to German township where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. At first a Democrat, and an earnest supporter of the principles of his party, he held a number of the township offices, but later on in life espoused the cause of Prohibition, being one of the first to do so in Darke county, and from then on until his death, fought the battles of that party and exerted a powerful influence for good among those with whom he was associated. A change in belief made him change his church, as he left the Methodist faith for that of the Church of Christ, and served the latter as an elder for many years. As was but natural, he was a member of Reed Post, G. A. R., of Palestine, Ohio, and served it as commander and chaplain, always rejoicing to greet his old comrades at the meetings. The death of this most excellent man occurred February 6, 1902, in German township, this county. His widow survives, making her home at Palestine. There were four children in their family that attained to maturity, and three reside in Darke county, while Charles is a resident of Indiana.

W. J. Perry had the advantage of growing to manhood amid rural surroundings where he received a healthy, wholesome training and was taught the value of work honestly performed. When he was twenty-six years old, he left the farm, and coming to Greenville, entered the employ of W. E. Moore,

a shoe dealer of this city, who occupied the present location of the Moore Shoe Company. As he knew nothing about the business, he began with the meagre salary of \$4.50 per week, but very soon his ability and fitness for the business was admitted, and he received substantial raises in his salary, and upon the death of Mr. Moore, August 19, 1911, Mr. Perry was made manager of the concern, so that from October 5, 1891, until the present date he has been with this one house continuously. Having been with it so long, and knowing every detail of the business, he is competent to conduct it in a manner that affords satisfaction to all parties concerned.

On June 10, 1896, Mr. Perry was united in marriage with Miss Menta Moore, a daughter of W. E. and Florence (Yount) Moore of Greenville. Mrs. Perry was born at Bradford, Miami county, Ohio. There are no children by this marriage. While Mr. Perry is a Prohibitionist, he has never been an office seeker, and as his time is so fully occupied with his business affairs, he feels that he has discharged his duty as a citizen when he casts his vote for the candidate of his party. His religious affiliations are with the Palestine Church of Christ.

HENRY BECK.

Few citizens of Darke county, are more entitled to the esteem of their fellow citizens than is Henry Beck, a retired farmer, now residing at No. 220 Vine street, corner of Main, Greenville, Ohio, whose intimate relations with the agricultural and civic interests of his community have made his name a familiar one in the county. The farmer after years of strenuous endeavor, during which he rises early and labors through the long days until after sunset, earns the rest he takes when he feels that he has accomplished enough to entitle him to such relaxation. There is another desirable feature about the life of the retired farmer, and one which effects his locality, for having plenty of time upon his hands, he can probe deeply into civic matters, and look into affairs generally, so that during these years of seeming inactivity, he is really the most useful, for he is rendering his community a service that cannot be overestimated.

Henry Beck was born at Covington, Miami county, Ohio, August 10, 1842, a son of Jacob and Anna (Burns) Beck, and

second in the family of two children born to these parents, the other one being a sister, Sarah. When Henry Beck was six years old, he had the misfortune to lose his father, and was taken by a guardian to Miami county, Ohio, where he lived until he was thirteen years old. At that age the lad was taken by his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Eva (Hittle) Burns, to a farm in the vicinity of Marshalltown, Iowa, on which they settled in 1855. These pioneers passed through many hardships incident to the times and locality. The tide of civilization, ever moving westward, had as then barely reached the settlement chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Burns as their new home. Schools were rare, and the work of the children was essential in clearing and developing the land. When Henry Beck did attend school, he had to walk four miles each way, through snow and ice, and when he reached his destination, the advantages afforded were very meagre. However, he was persistent, and made the most of his opportunities.

At eighteen, he returned to Ohio, and obtained employment by the month in a farming community near Fort Jefferson, Darke county, and so continued until his enlistment. To those of a later generation, undisturbed and undismayed by thought of civil strife, it is difficult to convey the fervor of enthusiasm which was felt by the patriots of the north. Men who prior to the firing upon Fort Sumter, had thought but little of their duty as citizens, sprung to the defense of the flag, and gave up their lives on southern battlefields. The martial spirit prevailed. Not a community escaped. The lists of the dead, wounded and captured increased each day, and yet the stream of patriotic young manhood never ceased to flow into the south, a stream which eventually quenched the fire of rebellion.

In 1862, Henry Beck enlisted in Company F, Ninety-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was sent to Camp Piqua, from whence the command went to Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Beck was first under fire at Tate's Ford, Kentucky, and he later participated in the notable engagements at Perryville, Stone River, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dalton, Buzzard's Roost, and was one of the memorable host that laid siege to Atlanta and captured that stronghold of the enemy. From there he marched with General Sherman to the sea, back up through the Carolinas to subdue General Johnston, and was present at his surrender. From there the command went on to Washington, where Mr.

Beck was one of the soldiers to participate in the grand review in June, 1865. At Lookout Mountain, he fought above the clouds. This battle was the only one during the entire war that the soldiers were actually engaged above the clouds. During all of this active and heavy service, Mr. Beck was wounded but once, and then only slightly in the right arm, during the battle of Chickamauga. He made so little of his wound that he refused to go into the ambulance, and did not lose a single hour over it. His record is an unusual one for he was never absent a day from his command, nor did he suffer from any of the sicknesses to which so many of his comrades fell victims. Perhaps the rigors and hardships of his pioneer life fitted him for those of the army. He has never lost his interest in his old associates, and often attended reunions of them. On September 19, 1913, he had the pleasure of visiting the old battle field of the engagement at Chattanooga, on the fiftieth anniversary, and while there picked up some bullets that had lain there for half a century. These he treasures, together with other relics of the great struggle, including rings and small picture frames which he whittled from laurel which he gathered from Lookout mountain and made in his hours of relaxation during the war. All these will be a valued inheritance to his children. During the march from Atlanta to the sea, Mr. Beck was color bearer, and continued to carry the colors of the Ninety-fourth regiment until he was mustered out. At present he has the distinction of being the only color bearer residing in Darke county.

With the close of hostilities, Mr. Beck returned to Darke county, and then went on west to Iowa, and from there into northern Missouri. There he bought land, but after a year traded it, and once more returned to Darke county, Ohio. Soon after his return he bought a half interest in 100 acres of land, and later bought out his partner, this property continuing to be his home until his removal to Greenville, in 1899. It was also the scene of his agricultural successes, and he still holds it, and is proud of what he accomplished with his land.

On November 25, 1866, Mr. Beck was united in marriage with Miss Anna Brumbaugh of Neave township, this county, where she was born and reared, she being a daughter of George and Lydia (Stutsman) Brumbaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have had two children, namely: Sarah E. and Vernie. The former married John D. Ryan and died at Greenville, Ohio, leaving two children, namely: Agnes, who married

James E. Welsh, lives at Dayton, Ohio; and Frank H., who also lives at Dayton, Ohio. The second child of Mr. and Mrs. Beck, Vernie E., married D. A. Keener, and lives in German township. They have two daughters: Anna, who is now a student of the Greenville high school, having been graduated from the Hollansburg high school, class of 1913; and Rachel, who is a student in the country schools.

Always a Republican, Mr. Beck cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln when he ran the second time, on a battlefield in Georgia. While he has been earnest and active in his support of his party, he has been very sincere in his desire not to hold office. This was proven, for, although nominated for the office of township trustee against his wishes, he worked against his own candidacy. During their early married life, Mr. and Mrs. Beck were members of what was then known as the German Baptist church at Palestine, Ohio. This church he served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school. When they moved to Greenville, they transferred their membership to the same denomination in this city, now called the Church of the Brethren. In it he is a deacon, and he not only discharges the duties of that office, but he takes into his everyday life the faith he professes, and continues to be a fair and honorable representative of the best class of American farmers.

HARVEY F. DERSHEM.

A prominent figure in many of the legal controversies, unerring in judgment, able in the solution of many complexities, Harvey F. Dershem of Greenville, Ohio, is one of the leading attorneys of Darke county. He was born at Gettysburg, Ohio, August 1, 1861, son of Abraham and Huldah (Hole) Dershem, and grandson of John and Christina (Schnapp) Dershem, and Daniel and Hannah (Ballard) Hole. John Dershem was a native of Union county, Pennsylvania, and his wife was born in Germany. They became early settlers of Darke county, where he became a landowner and developed and operated a farm two miles north of Gettysburg, on which he reared his family of eleven children, namely: Catherine, who married a Mr. Hanes; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Christian; Jacob; Henry; John; Eve, who married a Mr. Shade; Abraham; Aaron; Sarah, who married a Mr. Shire; Barbara, who mar-

ried a Mr. Gillard Glenn, and Lydia, who married a Mr. Philip Frock. These grandparents died at an advanced age, upon their farm. Daniel Hole, the maternal grandfather of Harvey F. Dershem, was born December 11, 1805, and died September 30, 1893. His wife was born March 23, 1810, and died May 17, 1899. They were among the very earliest settlers of Darke county, Ohio. Their children, eight in number, were: Huldah; David; Catherine, who married Perry Marker; John B.; Mary Ellen, who married Joseph Christian; Lucinda; Jay and Matilda.

Abraham Dershem was born in Ohio, which State was also the birthplace of his wife. He grew to manhood on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, and learned the carpenter and cabinet-making trades, following them for quite a period. After his marriage he located at Gettysburg, Ohio, where he died in September, 1863, aged thirty-six years. His widow survived him until 1886, when she passed away, aged fifty-nine years. Both were earnest members of the Presbyterian church. They had six children, as follows: Adaline, deceased, who married George W. Reck; Lewis H., who resides in Newberry township, Miami county, Ohio, one mile north of Covington; Ida Belle, deceased, who married Abraham J. Hunt; Alwilda, deceased, who married Hiram Wellbaum; Harvey F.; Huldah Ellen, deceased, who died unmarried.

The great-grandfather of Harvey F. Dershem, on his mother's side of the family was William Hole, who married Ruth Crane, born March 23, 1767. She was born in New Jersey, and there reared and educated. William Hole and wife went to Kentucky after their marriage and still later to the vicinity of Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio.

Harvey F. Dershem was brought up at Gettysburg, Ohio, and there attended the public schools, later entering the Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. Having thus prepared himself, he taught school for ten years, winning approval and affection for his masterly skill as an instructor. His ambition was not satisfied, however, and entering the law office of M. T. Allen at Greenville, Ohio, in the latter part of the eighties, he read law, his studies being interrupted, however, by the departure of Mr. Allen for California, where he served on the circuit bench for several years. Having lost his preceptor, Mr. Dershem entered the law school of the Cincinnati College, and after a two years' course, was graduated therefrom in the class of 1890, and admitted to the bar in June of

that year. In 1894, Mr. Dershem located at Greenville, Ohio, where he has been in a general practice ever since. His fellow townsmen showed their appreciation of him by electing him city solicitor for a term of two years in 1895, and he discharged the duties of his office capably and satisfactorily. In 1913 he was again elected to same office from January 1, 1914, for two years.

On November 22, 1893, Mr. Dershem was married to Miss Clara A. Horner, a daughter of Alexander McAlister and Mary Elizabeth (Reck) Horner, and one child has been born of this marriage, but died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dershem were reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Dershem belongs to Greenville Lodge No. 143, F. & A. M.; Greenville Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; to Matchette Council No. 91, R. & S. M.; Gettysburg Lodge No. 457, I. O. O. F., and is active in these orders. Politically he is a Republican.

Mrs. Dershem was born near Gettysburg, Ohio. Her parents were born in Ohio and located on a farm one and one-half miles from Gettysburg, where they reared their seven children: Sarah, James A., William H., Silas I., Mary, Clara and Nancy A., who died at about twelve years of age. Alexander McHorner served in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war as a lieutenant, which regiment was commanded by W. P. Orr. A man of forceful character Alexander Horner dominated affairs in his community, and was widely known throughout Darke county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dershem, Alexander Horner, married a Miss McAlister, and both were of Scotch-Irish descent. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Dershem was John Reck, who was twice married, his first wife being the grandmother of Mrs. Dershem, and the one who bore him his children.

OSCAR MOIST.

Land, the real source of wealth, is back of the farmers, and few there are in Darke county who have given the years of their activity to this line of endeavor who have not prospered. In the years he devoted to agriculture, Oscar Moist, now living retired at No. 407 Central avenue, Greenville, Ohio, succeeded, and is enjoying the fruits of his labors. He and his

forebears passed through the vital drama which turned Ohio into a paradise for the homeseeker, and feels a personal pride in its development, especially that of Darke county. A man of conservative ideas, he carefully considers each matter that comes up for solution, bringing to bear upon it a ripened judgment and broad experience gained along several channels of employment, and having decided, he takes action, abiding by his decision for it is based upon what he believes will ultimately work out for the best of all concerned. Such a man is a valuable addition to any community. and Greenville, like her sister county capitals, has reason to rejoice because of the location in her of so many of the retired farmers of the surrounding country.

The birth of Oscar Moist took place on a farm in Clay township, Montgomery county, Ohio, June 1, 1855, he being a son of John and Elizabeth (Gish) Moist, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania. There he met and married, his wife also being a Pennsylvanian, and soon after the ceremony, they moved to Ohio, arriving in the State in 1833, settling first in Auglaize county, but after a couple of years moved to Montgomery county. At this time Indians were still to be found, and pioneer conditions prevailed. The family underwent many hardships before the birth of Oscar, who was next to the youngest in a family of ten children. By the time he was born, conditions had become somewhat better, and had it not been that he lost his father when he was four years old, he probably would have been given many of the comforts of life in his boyhood. There was such a difference in his age and that of the first born children, that two of them were married before the father passed away. The widowed mother kept her children together as long as she could, but when Oscar was ten years old, she had to let her little son go among strangers. She lived to be sixty-four years old, dying in 1882.

Although only a child, Oscar Moist began earning his own living at the youthful age of ten years, and at the same time managed to secure a fair common school education. When fifteen years old he decided to learn carriage painting, but after a year, in 1868, went to live with one of his brothers, Dr. A. R. Moist, who was located north of Dayton, Ohio, and remained with him until 1872. In that year he came to Darke county and secured employment in a tile plant of Butler township. After two years he went to Miami county, Ohio, and spent a year on a farm, but in 1875, returned to Darke county

and resumed his work at the tile plant. Still later he bought seventy acres of land one-half a mile from old Fort Jefferson, which is four and one-half miles south of Greenville, Ohio, on which he lived until his removal to Greenville when he retired from active participation in agricultural work. First bought eighteen-acre tract in Butler township in 1883, then, in 1898, moved to Adams township and bought sixty-seven acres and resided there two years. Then, in 1900, bought fifty acres in Neave township and resided there seven years. Then sold and bought seventy acres near Fort Jefferson and resided there until 1913, when he came to Greenville.

On January 7, 1877, Oscar Moist was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Rose, who was born and reared in Butler township, this county. She is a daughter of Samuel and Julian (Bobenmyer) Rose. Mr. Rose was born at Bedford, Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania. They were residents of Butler county, Ohio, when they married, but in 1856, left there for Darke county, becoming heavy landowners in this locality. Rose's Corner was named for Mr. Rose, who conducted a general store at the cross-roads, as well as operated his farm, being a man of more than average ability. His death occurred about 1878, but his widow survived him until 1898. Mrs. Moist is next to the youngest in a family of five children, all of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Moist became the parents of the following children: Ella, who married Ira V. McGriff, a farmer of Twin township, has one child, Dale M.; Russel O., who married Rosie Ratcliff, has one child, Alice, and they live on Mr. Moist's farm in Neave township; and Talba, who married Joshua Delaplane, lives on a farm in Neave township, and has one child, Rosella.

A Republican, Mr. Moist served as road supervisor of Butler township, and for two years was a trustee of Neave township. In 1910 he was appraiser of real estate, and in that fall was elected county commissioner with a majority of 585 votes, serving until September, 1913. In the fall of the latter year he was a candidate for re-election, but as the county went overwhelmingly democratic, he was defeated by 150 votes, which was in reality a triumph personally, as the party majority was 2,000. It was owing to his individual popularity that he was elected in the first place, for Darke county is essentially a democratic stronghold, and those of another political faith have but little chance save through appreciation of

their fitness for the office regardless of party lines. Fraternal-ly, Mr. Moist is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, belonging to Little Turtle Tribe No. 119, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias of Arcanum, Ohio. While Mr. Moist has practically retired, turning over much of his work to younger shoulders, he keeps in close touch with the life of his community, and is ready to pass upon measures affecting the welfare of the people.

WILLIAM IRWIN SWARTZ.

A faithful performance of the duty at hand brings its own reward, and places the man who holds to this rule among the reliable people of his community. William Irwin Swartz has made this the rule of his life, and whether upon his widowed mother's farm, assisting her, or in his present position as janitor of the North School building of Greenville, Ohio, he has never failed to live up to what he thought was right, or to try and evade responsibilities resting upon his shoulders. Such a course has gained for him a grateful consideration, and he stands well with his associates. Mr. Swartz was born on a farm just north of Greenville, Ohio, February 10, 1865, a son of Hezekiah and Ann (Irwin) Swartz.

Hezekiah Swartz was born in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa., but was brought to Darke county, Ohio, in his boyhood by his parents, George and Catherine (Zellar) Swartz. Ann Irwin was born on the old homestead in Darke county, Ohio, the Irwins having entered land in this county as early as 1817, and become the owners of a considerable portion of government land. After the marriage of Hezekiah Swartz and Ann Irwin, which occurred in Darke county, they settled on a portion of the Irwin estate, and there they spent the remainder of their lives, the former devoting himself to farming, although prior to his marriage he had learned and followed the printer's trade, and for a time was the owner of a newspaper at Winchester, Ind. In politics, he was a Democrat, but limited his activity to such duties as would fall to a private citizen, as he had no aspirations toward public life. At one time he was a member of the County Agricultural Board of Darke county, Ohio. The death of this most excellent man occurred in 1892, when he was sixty-five years old. His widow survived

him until 1894, when she, too, passed away, aged seventy years. They had three children, namely: Albert, who resides on the homestead; Elizabeth, who died at the age of thirty-six years, unmarried, and William Irwin, who was the youngest.

Growing up amid healthy, rural surroundings, William Irwin Swartz attended the schools of his district, and assisted with the farm work. Later he attended the schools at Greenville, and remained at home until the death of his mother, when he came to Greenville, and now resides at No. 220 West Main street. Ever since coming to Greenville, he has held his present position, and his services are highly valued. Politically he is a Republican, but like his father he does not seek public office, preferring to support his party as a private individual. However, in 1908, when elected treasurer of the Historical Society of Darke county, of which he became a member in 1905, he administered its affairs so ably as to prove that he has those qualities which go toward the making of efficient officials, and still retains the office. Conscientious in his work, faithful in his support of Darke county measures, Mr. Swartz is a useful member of society, and one whose value is appreciated by those who know him.

NORMAN TEAFORD.

Within the limits of German township, probably no name is better known or more suggestive of enterprise and progress than that of Norman Teaford, who has the distinction of having never lived on soil other than that which belonged to some member of the family, and who is recognized as one of the most substantial men of his community. Mr. Teaford was born March 24, 1861, on the farm known as the Barney Teaford homestead, on the Richmond and Greenville turnpike, nine miles southwest of Greenville, and about one mile southwest of Palestine. His parents were Barney and Margaret (Stapleton) Teaford.

George Teaford, the grandfather of Norman Teaford, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and as a young man came to Fairfield county, Ohio, locating in the vicinity of Lancaster. There he remained several years before coming to Darke county, where, April 6, 1820, he was married to Magdalena

Ketring. For many years he was engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits, and after his retirement made his home with his son Barney. Here he died January 29, 1874, his wife having preceded him February 13, 1861. Both were laid to rest in German township.

Barney Teaford was born February 3, 1825, in German township, and grew up to agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted his energies until failing health caused him to be an invalid, yet he outlived all his children excepting Norman. Both he and his wife were buried in German township, where they had lived so long and where they had many warm and appreciative friends. Seven children were born to them: Jonathan, Norman, one who died in infancy, Oscar, Samuel, Charles and Flora Alice; Norman is the only survivor.

Norman Teaford received his education in district school No. 7, and when he was but nine years of age began to assume large responsibilities because of the disability of his father, who was able to do little in the way of operating the home place. Thus the youth grew up strong, self-reliant, and thoroughly trained in all manner of agricultural subjects, his experience thus gained having since been of inestimable value to him in his struggle for position and independence. So industriously has he labored and so well directed have been his efforts, that today he owns 600 acres of land, all under a high state of cultivation, with handsome buildings and modern improvements of every character. Energetic and thorough in whatever has engaged his attention, he has been recognized as a leader in various movements for the welfare of the community. Like all the members of his family, he supports democratic principles and candidates.

Besides being a very successful farmer on a large scale Mr. Teaford finds time to be a part of several business enterprises. In 1898, he was a charter member of the Ohio Hardwood Lumber Company which operated in Mississippi. The company purchased two sections, 1480 acres, of fine timber which was readily marketed.

In 1905, upon the establishment of the following organization, he became a director in the Banner Lumber Company at Greenville, Ohio, which, under his excellent management, is proving very remunerative. In 1912 he helped organize the Darke County Farmers' Leaf Tobacco Company, which has for its purpose the protection of the ordinary tobacco raiser.

In all these lines of activity his business capacity is acknowledged by his associates and the general public. As evidence of his ability to conserve the interests of the people, he has been continued as member of the Darke County Fire Board since 1898.

In the spring of 1910, through the efforts of Norman, a Teaford family reunion was begun and is continued until the present writing. A permanent organization was established with Norman as president. The meetings are held in his grove. It was discovered at the first meeting that many of the relatives did not know each other. Through his untiring efforts the interest in the annual gathering is increasing.

Mr. Teaford was married to Miss Lily I. Brown August 6, 1882; to this union was born, December 24, 1883, one child, Grace, who married Herschel M. Jeffries, December 29, 1900. To this union two children are born, Lowell, September 27, 1903, and Rill, September 13, 1908. On May 23, 1906, occurred Mr. Teaford's marriage to Miss Pearl A. Jeffries, who was born March 6, 1882, daughter of John B. F. and Sarah (Coapstick) Jeffries. To this union two children are born, Gale Emerson, October 31, 1908, and Dale Kenneth, January 5, 1911.

WASHINGTON HUNT.

Steadfast effort, perseverance in the face of difficulties and reverses, courageous grasping of opportunities as they have presented themselves, and hard, honest toil—these have been the means through which Washington Hunt, of Greenville, has brought himself to the forefront among Darke county's stockmen. He has had no chance to gain false ideas of life or of the way of living; the man who has had to make his own way from boyhood has but little opportunity of so doing. Success is his not because he is one of fortune's favored, but because he has made fortune favor him. A brief resume of the salient points in his career will show how his prosperity and position have been attained.

Washington Hunt was born December 23, 1851, in St. Louis, Mo., and is a son of Washington and Mary Jane (Wilson) Hunt, the former born in Warren county, Ohio, and the latter in the city of Dayton, this State. When he was about three

years of age his parents moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Darke county, and there the father continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until his early death, about the year 1865. The mother survived until 1906 and passed away when eighty-five years of age. Mr. Hunt received a fair common school education, but when he was only fourteen years old he was forced to put aside his books and face the stern realities of life. It may be that this early responsibility taught him self-reliance; at any rate that has been one of his chief characteristics throughout his career. From the beginning of his business life he has been engaged in the stock business. He was but twenty-two years of age when he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, a property which, including growing crops and some personal effects, was worth \$3,500. There he took his young bride and that continued to be their home for several years, Mr. Hunt then selling out and purchasing another property of ninety acres near Greenville. At that time he took up his residence in the city, and this has since been his field of endeavor and the scene of his success. He is also the owner of a tract of four hundred acres located in Neave township. Mr. Hunt's operations now extend over several counties, and he also buys feeding cattle in the markets of Chicago and Kansas City. He has the distinction of shipping at one time eleven carloads of cattle, the largest shipment ever unloaded at Greenville. Essentially a business man, Mr. Hunt has found but little time to engage in public matters, although the best interests of his community find in him a warm supporter. He cast his first presidential vote in 1872, when he gave his ballot to General Grant, and since that time has continued to vote with the Republican party.

On December 16, 1873, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss May Snyder, of Dayton, Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Dena (Rich) Snyder. Mrs. Hunt's parents were born in Germany, but came to the United States as young people and met and were married in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Her father died when she was a child of four years and her mother when she was fourteen. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, of whom two died in childhood, the others being: Jesse, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Bert, who is married and is carrying on operations on his father's farm near Greenville; Ralph, who is married and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Greenville township; Ada, who married Orville McEowen and lives on a farm in Greenville township; Clara, who resides

with her parents, and Edward, who is married and lives on the farm. The pleasant family home is located at No. 225 East Main street.

Mr. Hunt has never had time to belong to clubs or lodges. Mr. Hunt sold the first cattle and sheep that were used at the Old Soldiers' Home at Dayton when the Home was established there. Mr. Hunt's three sons are now in charge of his farm and he is gradually turning over the business to them.

JOHN WILLIAM MILLER.

Although he is a recent addition to the business men of Greenville, having established his present enterprise here in 1910, J. W. Miller, directing head of the Miller Grain and Coal Company, is already accounted one of the substantial men in this city's commercial affairs. Like many of the successful business men of the city, he is a product of the farm, having been born on his father's homestead in Brown township, Darke county, Ohio, February 11, 1866, and is a member of a pioneer family of the county, whence his grandparents, John and Elizabeth Miller, came at an early day from Pennsylvania. The grandfather died when the father, Isaac E. Miller, was but two years old, but the grandmother survived until reaching the ripe old age of eighty years, passing away in 1899.

Isaac E. Miller was born in Darke county and was reared to the pursuits of the farm. He early adopted the tilling of the soil as his life work, and for many years was a resident of Brown township, where he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land, which through energy and earnest effort he converted into a handsome and valuable farm. About the year 1893 he sold out and moved to a farm east of Horatio, in the same county, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying July 12, 1908. A man of strict integrity and probity, he was a devout member of the Brethren church, and for three years acted in the capacity of superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a stalwart Democrat, served as assessor during several years, and for a period of thirty-five years was justice of the peace as well as teacher in the public schools of Darke county for thirty-five years. His record shows that no case judged by him that was appealed to the higher courts

was ever reversed. Mr. Miller married Miss Sarah J. Sword, who still survives.

Mrs. Miller, the mother of John W., the subject of this review, is living near Horatio with her daughter, Mrs. John Porter. She is now seventy-three years of age and enjoying good health.

Reared to the life of a farmer, and securing a good common school education, John W. Miller grew to sturdy and self-reliant manhood. When he attained his majority, he embarked upon a career of his own as a tiller of the soil, and was so engaged for about eight years. During this time he had come into contact more or less with men engaged in the grain trade, and gradually began operations in this line for himself. He was encouraged by success in several ventures, and eventually, in 1904, started to concentrate his entire energies upon this direction. His first enterprise was located at Red Key, Ind., where he continued five years, and then sought a wider field, going to Union City, in that State. Later he built a plant at Elroy, Ohio, and in 1909, came to Greenville, where, in February, 1910, he established his present business on North Broadway, although he still continues the business at Elroy. The volume of trade given to this elevator has rapidly expanded, and at this time the firm handles about \$125,000 worth of business annually, while the coal handled in 1912 amounted to 3,500 tons. As the directing head of this large enterprise, Mr. Miller has shown himself an alert, progressive and astute business man, practical in all things, yet ever ready to take advantage of a legitimate opportunity. Among his associates he bears the highest reputation for integrity and fair dealing, and since coming to Greenville he has made and retained numerous friends. Politically, he was reared a Democrat and has always been an ardent supporter of that party's principles, his first presidential vote being cast for President Cleveland. While a resident of Jackson township he served in the capacity of assessor, but he has never been an office seeker, contenting himself with aiding his community merely as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Miller was married October 24, 1888, in Jackson township, to Miss Mattie Fryar, who was born in Greenville township, Darke county, but reared and educated in Jackson township. She was a daughter of Daniel and Acha (Peterbaugh) Fryar, early settlers of this county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller resided on a small twenty-acre farm in Brown

township, but after three years moved to Jackson township, which was their home until moving to Indiana. They now occupy a modern residence at No. 600 Wayne avenue, at the corner of Pine avenue.

Mr. Miller has had no time from his business and home to care about lodges or clubs. Mrs. Miller, too, cares more for her home than for the clubs and so has not joined any of them.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller are as follows: Elizabeth, wife of John Porter, and has three children: May, Forest and Catherine; Horatio of Darke county, Ohio; John W., the subject of this sketch; Jonathan D., who married and has a son; Archie of Fort Recovery, Ohio; George C., married and has four children; Vernie, Mabel, Matilda and Arlie and two who died in infancy.

HENRY LAYER.

There is always a reason for success. It matters not if a man's activities be directed along the lines of one of the professions, one of the trades, or along the substantial occupation of tilling the soil—there is always the fundamental basis for success. Roughly stated, it may be said that success finds its foundation stone in determination. Granted this, man may accomplish much; but there must also be inherent ability, energy and perseverance, without which the structure of prosperity may not be built. In his early years Henry Layer showed himself possessed of a keen determination to win a competency; his ability evidenced itself during the years that he carried on his operations in Darke county, and as the architect of his own fortunes and one who has builded well, he is entitled to the rest that he is now taking at his pleasant home in Franklin township.

Henry Layer was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, about forty-five miles northeast of Harrisburg, about April 6, 1842, and is a son of Peter and Hannah (Miller) Layer, natives of the Keystone State. About the year 1843 the family started on a journey overland in a two-horse wagon, traveling through Harrisburg, across the Allegheny Mountains, touching the cities of Pittsburgh, Columbus and Springfield, and, finally, after a trip consuming six weeks, landed at a point east of Brookville, Montgomery county, Ohio. There the father, who had

brought his small means with him, rented a tract of land for two years, following which he purchased eighty acres of timber land in Section 30, Franklin township, Darke county. This land was still in its virgin state, and in order to build the little log cabin which was the first shelter for his family, he was compelled to fell a number of trees. His first purchase cost him five dollars per acre, and subsequently he bought forty acres adjoining for \$150. This he cleared also, and in 1863 sold out and moved to Newberry township, Miami county, locating on a property on which the town of Bradford is now located. This was his home until his death in July, 1883, his wife following him to the grave in April 1894. Ten children were born to Peter and Hannah Layer, as follows: Elizabeth, who died at the age of six years; Levi, who died in 1866, unmarried; John, who served with the "hundred-day men" in the Civil war, and who is now a retired resident of Ludlow, Miami county, married; William, a former farmer, who died in April, 1908, leaving four children; Peter, who died in 1909, leaving six children; George, who died in Miami county in 1912; Henry, of this review; Sarah, the wife of Simon Murphy, living near Gettysburg, the mother of two children; Margaret, who married Isaac Hershey and lives in the village of Gettysburg, and Frederick, unmarried, who lives near that place. The mother of these children was reared a Lutheran, but after her marriage joined the Dunkard church, to which her husband belonged. He was a Democrat in politics.

Henry Layer spent his boyhood in assisting his father and brothers to develop the homestead place and in attending the district schools. He early evidenced an inclination to become an educator, and at the age of nineteen years secured his first experience in this line in a small log schoolhouse in Van Buren township, his services being remunerated at the rate of ninety cents per day. Mr. Layer's school teaching period lasted for twenty-six years, during which he had charges in Darke, Miami and Montgomery counties, and his worth was recognized by the commissioners paying him as high as \$2.75 per day.

While a resident of Montgomery county, in 1865, Mr. Layer was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Bower, and to this union there were born three children: Hannah E., now the wife of John A. Hoffman, of Arcanum, Ohio; Frank P., who is married and has three children, a resident of Franklin township, and Simon P., who lives in Howard county, Indiana, married

and has three children. Mrs. Elizabeth Layer died in July, 1894, and November 23, 1901, Mr. Layer was married (second) to Mrs. Sarah (Landis) Bashore, daughter of Daniel and Susannah (Deeter) Landis, formerly of Pennsylvania. There were fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Landis, Mrs. Layer being the seventh in order of birth. Nine children are now living. She was born, reared and educated in Franklin township, where she was married in Miami county (first) to Henry Bashore, by whom she had four children, as follows: Martha, who married A. W. Snyder of Miami county, and has six children; Isaac, of Darke county, the father of four children; Daniel W., also of this county, who has three children, and Harry, living in Miami county, the father of one child. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Layer, Margaret Lucille, born on the home farm August 28, 1907.

Mr. Layer's real estate operations have been worthy of note. In 1866 he bought a house and lot at Phillipsburg, Montgomery county, for which he paid \$490, this sum having been earned through teaching. Later he purchased a vacant lot adjoining for \$150 and subsequently sold the entire property. In 1869 he bought thirty-five acres of land for \$1,800, and made that property his home for two years, when he was able to sell it for \$2,000. He then came to Franklin township, where he bought two small tracts, one of eighteen and one-half acres with a residence, for \$1,500, and the other of forty acres, also with a dwelling, for \$1,600, and six weeks later disposed of the latter for \$1,800. He added to the first tract until he had thirty-two acres and resided thereon for eleven years, disposing of his time between teaching and farming, and in 1881 sold out for \$2,560. In 1882 the property which he now lives on became his home, the purchase price being \$3,500, and to this forty-one and one-half acres there have since been added six acres across the road, this land costing \$1,200.

Mr. Layer is a stalwart Democrat and is known as one of his party's foremost men in this part of the county. As early as 1872 he was honored by election to the office of township trustee, and following his term in that capacity was next chosen by his fellow townsmen as township assessor. His work in assessing the whole township, in 1874, so favorably impressed the people that he was elected justice of the peace, and acted in that judicial office for three years. In 1875 he became township clerk, in 1876 was elected assessor, and in 1877 was again made justice of the peace for a term of three years,

being his own successor in that office in 1880 for a like period. In 1889 he was made land appraiser for the whole township of Franklin, an office to which he was re-elected in 1909. In 1887 Mr. Layer was commissioned notary public, a capacity in which he has acted for more than a quarter of a century, and the able and faithful manner in which he has acquitted himself in the discharge of his public duties may be deduced from the fact that in all his cases none have been reversed. Judge Layer is not a professed member of any church, but all religious movements have his hearty support, and he is well known as a liberal donator to charitable movements. Mrs. Layer holds membership in the Dunkard church.

L. A. NAUSS.

In reviewing the career of L. A. Nauss, of Greenville, the biographer finds all the elements which combine to produce American self-made manhood. It was his fortune to be born of sturdy parents, to be reared in the habits of industry and thrift and to early learn the lessons of honesty and straightforward dealing. Further than that fortune has had naught to do with his success. Mr. Nauss's career speaks for itself; he takes a pardonable degree of pride in the fact that he has always been a worker, and that his prosperity has been gained through the medium of his own well-applied efforts.

Mr. Nauss was born at York Haven, York county, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1854, and is a son of John B. and Minerva (Repmand) Nauss. His father, known as one of the finest sawyers on the Susquehannah river, moved to Goldsboro, Pa., where he was living at the time of his enlistment, in 1864, in Company B, Two Hundredth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, for service during the Civil war. He fought bravely as a soldier until receiving a severe wound in the left thigh, the sciatic nerve being severed, and from that time until the close of hostilities he was confined to his bed in various federal hospitals. After receiving his honorable discharge and recuperating his health he resumed his trade of sawyer, and continued to be so engaged until his death, January 25, 1905, the mother having passed away two years before. He was a Republican in political matters, and for many years served his community in the capacity of constable. Both he and Mrs.

Nauss were faithful members of the United Brethren church. They were the parents of five children, of whom one died in infancy.

The eldest of his parents' children, L. A. Nauss received an ordinary public school education, and at the age of sixteen years assumed the responsibilities of life by apprenticing himself to the trade of tinner. His remuneration for the first year was twenty-five dollars, the second year he received thirty-five dollars, and during the third year ten dollars more were added to his stipend. After one year as a journeyman he embarked in business on his own account at New Cumberland, Pa., continuing therein for sixteen years, when his plant was totally destroyed by fire and he was forced to commence all over again. With sturdy determination he resumed activities, and through energy and perseverance built up another business, of which he disposed in 1890. His advent in Darke county occurred in 1894, when he came to Greenville and built a saw-mill, and his well-directed energies and able management combined to make him one of the forceful factors in the lumber manufacturing industry of this section. In July, 1912, Mr. Nauss embarked in the manufacture of galvanized steel tanks, in partnership with his son, and their factory on Thirteenth street is one of the thriving industries of the city. In addition he continues the manufacture of hardwood lumber, on Front street and Hiddeson avenue, and in connection therewith carries on a lively retail trade in coal.

Mr. Nauss was married January 14, 1875, at West Fairview, Pa., to Miss Anna S. Welty, of that city, who was born in the city of Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of Emanuel and Mary E. (Enoch) Welty. Mr. Welty was born in the Keystone State and as a young man came to Ohio, being married in Springfield and subsequently moving to Dayton. He was a railroad conductor by occupation, and eventually accepted a position which took him to Illinois, his subsequent years being passed near Olney and Springfield in that State. He died when Mrs. Nauss was five years old, after which the mother took her little brood to York, Pa., where Mrs. Nauss was living at the time she first met her husband. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nauss, of whom the oldest and youngest died in infancy. The others are: Ralph W., Ira L., born at New Cumberland, Pa., November 1, 1877, head sawyer of his father's factory and his partner in the coal business, married December 25, 1898, Miss Addie Wagner of Greenville, and has six children: Olive

M., born in Pennsylvania, residing at home, and head book-keeper in her father's office; Grace E., born in Pennsylvania, married Adelbert Wilson of Greenville, and has one son; and Ray J., born in Pennsylvania, his father's partner in the manufacture of tanks, married Hettie Little and has one son.

Ralph W. Nauss was born at New Cumberland, Pa., was graduated from the high school at Greenville and an academy at Harrisburg, Pa., and then entered the Ohio State University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. Earning a scholarship in the medical college of Northwestern University, Chicago, he spent three years in that institution, and following his graduation with the degree of Doctor of Medicine he became an interne in a hospital in the Illinois metropolis. Subsequently he went to Zeigler, Ill., and after successfully passing a civil service examination was sent to Panama as a physician, and was shortly appointed chief chemist of his department. After three years he resigned and returned to Greenville, but not long thereafter went to London, England, to study tropical diseases. He later went to Liverpool, where he was given the degree of Doctor of Tropical Medicines, following which he took an extended trip through Germany and Switzerland. On his return to the United States he traveled through Yellowstone Park and the western part of the country, and then again went to England, where he went into an experimental laboratory to study sleeping sickness and blackwater fever, and remained so engaged for nine months. Once again he returned to the United States, but after a few months spent in review work in Chicago he went to Germany, where he resided with a German family while learning the language of the Fatherland. To further prepare himself for the work which he had in view, he next went to France, took up his residence in the home of a Parisian, and there continued until he had mastered the French tongue. With this thorough preparation he went to Belge, on the Congo river, in Africa, where he has since devoted himself to the admirable and humane work of a medical missionary for the Baptist Foreign Missions.

L. A. Nauss is a Republican in politics and has been stalwart in his support of the Grand Old Party since casting his first vote in 1876 for President Hayes. He has never cared for office. With his family, he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. The pleasant family home is located at No. 408 Grey avenue.

I. K. HOLLINGER.

The importance of Greenville as a manufacturing center has been forwarded by a group of energetic, able business men whose activities have been concentrated upon this field of endeavor and whose large and varied operations have made the city generally recognized in manufacturing circles of the state. Prominent among these men is found I. K. Hollinger, secretary and manager of the Hollinger Fence Company, located at No. 601 Front street, a sterling citizen who has at all times merited the respect in which he has been held. Mr. Hollinger is a native of Darke county, Ohio, and was born on a farm, October 20, 1863, son of Samuel and Mary (Kunkle) Hollinger.

On both the paternal and maternal sides Mr. Hollinger comes of German grandparents, while both his father and mother were born in Pennsylvania. Samuel Hollinger was a farmer, and died in Darke county when his son was about ten years of age, the latter securing but an ordinary education in the public schools. I. K. Hollinger remained with his mother until he was eighteen years of age, and at that time faced the world on his own account. When he was twenty-one years old he secured a farm, a tract of forty acres, on which he settled down to a wedded life and which he continued to operate until selling his interests in 1890. At that time he became the organizer and incorporator of the Hollinger Fence Company, which was first established at Covington, Ohio, but which in 1892, seeking a wider field, was brought to Greenville. The capacity of the factory is now from 800 to 1,000 rods of fencing a day, and from 300 to 400 tons of spring cotters a year, and the product finds its market largely in Darke county. From its modest inception the business has enjoyed a steady and continued growth, which must be accredited to its energetic and capable manager and secretary. He has been tireless in his efforts, has at all times manifested high business talents, judgment, acumen and foresight, and his shrewdness to discern opportunities, his courage in grasping them, and his ability in carrying his projects through to a successful conclusion have made him one of the city's most substantial men. Mr. Hollinger has not placed "all of his business eggs in one basket," for he has large outside investments, including 1,040 acres of land at Deming, New Mexico, which he owns in partnership with his sons, and there the family reside. Mr.

Hollinger is a republican, but has evidenced no desire for public office, the onerous nature of his large business interests demanding his time and attention to the exclusion of politics. This does not mean, however, that he is not interested in the affairs of his community; on the other hand, Greenville has no more public-spirited citizen, but he has preferred to leave the management of municipal affairs to other hands. Good movements and able men always receive his support and his financial aid. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren at Greenville, and is serving as treasurer and member of the board of trustees thereof.

On August 23, 1884, Mr. Hollinger was united in marriage with Miss Emma F. Woodard, of Darke county, Ohio, and three children have been born to this union, namely: William, a graduate of Greenville high school, who subsequently spent two years in college at North Manchester, Indiana, and one year at Huntington, Pennsylvania, and is now bookkeeper for a land company in New Mexico; Ernest, a surveyor of New Mexico, who learned his vocation in Greenville; and Pauline, born December 23, 1903.

THEODORE FINNARN.

The enterprising American youth is prevented by no unsurmountable walls of fixed custom, no impassable barriers of caste or class from working his way from modest circumstances and humble conditions to positions of responsibility and prominence in the business world, and the career of Theodore Finnarn, of Greenville, illustrates forcibly the opportunities here afforded to those who have the desire and the determination to accomplish. His life has been one of signal achievements from the time he attained his majority, and today, as proprietor of the livery barn located at No. 20 Northeast Public Square, he occupies a firmly-established position among the responsible business men of the city. Mr. Finnarn has the added distinction of being a native son of Darke county, Ohio, having been born on a farm in German township, February 12, 1866, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Knee) Finnarn.

Thomas Finnarn, the father of Theodore Finnarn, is now living a retired life at his home at No. 608 Front street. He

was born on a farm near Noch Crow, Elphin Parish, County Roscommon, Ireland, January 1, 1839, a son of Thomas and Bridget (Gannon) Finnarn. His mother died when he was six weeks old, and his father married Miss Catherine McManus. Thomas Finnarn, the grandfather of Theodore, came to the United States, intending to subsequently send for his wife and child, but died a few days after his arrival in New York. Three of his wife's brothers, however, were living at Cincinnati, Ohio, and they sent to Ireland for the balance of the family, who went from Dublin to Liverpool, and thence took boat for New Orleans, which city they reached after a voyage of seven and one-half weeks, during which they experienced a heavy storm. The first winter was passed in New Orleans, where the uncles were engaged in a job of ditching, and when Thomas Finnarn was about seven years of age the family moved to Warren county, Ohio, and located at Morrow, where the lad secured his first education. In the meantime the uncles were engaged in all kinds of railroad construction work, moving from point to point as the lines advanced, and when he was fourteen years of age Thomas Finnarn began his labors as a water boy, his first wages being fifty cents a day, on the Zanesville Railroad. The family resided at various points in Ohio, including Branch Hill and Loveland, and continued to follow the railroads to other parts of the country, so that at the age of sixteen years Thomas Finnarn was employed by a contractor in Mississippi for twelve dollars a month and board. On March 12, 1856, after spending a year in Cincinnati, Mr. Finnarn came to Darke county, Ohio, and began work on a farm at wages of ten dollars a month and board. He was married in German township, March 12, 1863, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Knee) McCabe, who had two children by her first marriage. To her second union there were the following children: Theodore, the subject of this review; Levi, who is a blacksmith and carries on his trade in Greenville; Irvin, born in 1870, who died at the age of twelve years; Nina, who married Frank Kerst and died without issue; Effie, who married Elmer Kester, a farmer of Greenville township, and has one child; and Harry, who is single. Mr. Finnarn at the time of his marriage was engaged in renting land. His wife, however, owned a tract of twenty five acres, to which they later added by purchase twenty-five acres, and finally bought fifty acres more. Through thrift and able management and making the most of his opportunities, he

became one of his community's successful men, and when he reached the evening of life was able to retire with a well-won competency. His career has been characterized by strict integrity and honesty, loyalty in friendships and fidelity to duty. In his early years he was a democrat and voted for Douglas, but for some years he has supported the Prohibition party. Reared in the faith of the Catholic church, he is now connected with the Reformed denomination.

Theodore Finnarn grew to manhood on the home farm and received a good common school education, following which he for one year attended school under "Daddy" Holbrook, at Lebanon. At the age of twenty-one years he adopted the vocation of educator and began to teach country school in Neave township, and during the next six years was known as one of the most popular instructors of this section. While thus engaged, he was married in German township to Mary E. Death, who was born in that township, daughter of William and Mary (McClellan) Death. She died in 1900, having been the mother of two children: one who died in childhood; and W. Ora, born in Greenville, and now a student in the high school. In 1893 Mr. Finnarn moved to Greenville, and in 1897 became a member of the Greenville fire department, with which he was connected until 1904, and then resigned and purchased a livery business on West Third street, from H. H. Davis. This he moved to his present locality in 1908, and his establishment at No. 20 Public Square is fully equipped with the most modern vehicles. Mr. Finnarn is very popular in Greenville and his business is widely patronized. He has always maintained an excellent character for integrity, good judgment and industry. On October 29, 1907, Mr. Finnarn married Miss Martha L. Harthan, of Greenville, who has borne him no children.

Mrs. Finnarn is the daughter of George and Louise (Kegel) Harthan. The father was born September 14, 1839, in the town of Redwitz, state of Bavaria, Germany. He was a son of George and Christina (Martin) Harthan. His father died when the boy was quite young. He received a fair common school education and sailed from Bremen for New York in the first steam vessel built by the North German Lloyd line and was about two weeks in crossing to America. He had but five dollars when he landed and as he had been cautioned about being robbed in New York he put it into the hands of a brother-in-law for safe keeping. It was certainly safely kept as it

was never returned. He also worked six months for the same man but never received any pay for that. He worked in New York about eight years, some of the time at stone mason work. While in New York he was married to Miss Louise Kegel, who was born in Hanover, Germany. Moved to Miami county, Ohio, in 1866, where he became the owner of some property, which he traded for forty acres of land in Allen township, Darke county, Ohio. In 1877 he moved to that place. His wife died while living in Allen township. To them were born ten children, of whom seven grew to years of maturity. Mrs. Finnarn is the fifth.

Their home is at No. 226 West Fourth street. Mr. Finnarn is a democrat, but has never cared for the doubtful honors of public life. He has taken much interest in fraternal work, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the chairs in both the lodge and the encampment; and maintains membership also in the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

ORA O. McCLELLAN.

Through the more than thirty-three years, during which he has been a resident of Greenville, Ora O. McClellan has been engaged in a variety of pursuits, in all of which he has shown himself progressive, enterprising and persistent. He has for the past three years been the proprietor of the feed stable, transfer business and grocery delivery business at No. 117 West Main street, and today occupies a substantial and recognized position in the business world of his section. Like many of the successful men of the community, Mr. McClellan is a product of the farm. He was born on his father's property, at the tollgate on the old Greenville and Palestine turnpike, about one-quarter of a mile east of Palestine, in German township, Darke county, Ohio, December 8, 1872, and is a son of George W. and Elmina (Leas) McClellan.

George W. McClellan was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio with his parents as a lad. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools, and during the Civil war became a supporter of the Union as a soldier of Company B, Sixty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Mr. McClellan participated in a number of hard-fought battles

and was a brave and faithful soldier, but escaped injury or capture by the enemy, although in later years he suffered a stroke of palsy, as a result of his army experience. On the farm in German township on which Ora O. McClellan was born, George W. McClellan was united in marriage with Elmina Leas, August 11, 1866. In 1874 the family removed to Palestine, where the father followed the vocation of a tin peddler and huckster for about six years, and in 1880 moved with his family to Greenville. Here Mr. McClellan established himself in the restaurant business, in which he continued to be engaged throughout the remainder of his active years. He has now retired from business and is living quietly at his Greenville home with Mrs. McClellan. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClellan, namely: Jesse, who died in childhood; Ora O.; Lula, who married Augustus Steinhilber, and had one child, all now being deceased; and Tipp, who is married and lives in Greenville. George W. McClellan is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker. His religious faith is that of the Universalist church, while Mrs. McClellan is a member of the Church of Christ.

The early education of Ora O. McClellan was secured in the district schools, following which he went one year to the Greenville high school. He became one of the world's workers in 1888, when he secured employment as driver of a milk wagon, this continuing to be his occupation for four years. When twenty years of age he went to Jasper county, Illinois, where for one and one-half years he worked on a farm, and then came back to Greenville and became a member of the fire department. During the seventeen years that followed, Mr. McClellan's rise in the department was steady and continued, from the position of driver to engineer and assistant chief. He at all times served in a most acceptable manner, being cool and collected in times of excitement and danger, clear-headed and capable of directing the efforts of his men to the best advantage. On February 6, 1911, Mr. McClellan resigned his position to enter his present business, of which he has made a decided success. He is a man of sterling honesty, reliable and conscientious in all his dealings, and through his life of integrity and honorable transactions has gained and retained the confidence of his associates in all walks of life. His pleasant home is located at 130 West Water street.

On April 4, 1900, Mr. McClellan was married in Greenville, Ohio, to Miss Alpha Swadener, of this city, who was born on a farm near Arcanum, daughter of Henry J. Swadener. To

this union there has come one child; Anna Mae, who was born in Greenville, April 16, 1900. Mr. McClellan is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. About 1901 he became a member of Lodge No. 742, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and two years later joined the Knights of Pythias. His friendships are many in business and fraternal circles, and few men are held in higher general esteem.

J. OSCAR WINTERS.

J. Oscar Winters, manager of the Western Creamery Company, with headquarters at Greenville, is one of the best known men in his part of Ohio. He has practically built up a large business with a small beginning and a modest amount of capital, until today the company handles and sells the product from about 30,000 cows. Mr. Winters is a native of Darke county and three of his brothers are associated with him in his business. He is of German descent, born on a farm in Richland township, June 14, 1875, eighth in order of birth of the eleven children of Job Mann and Rhoda (Brewer) Winters, now residents of Richland township. The father was born November 6, 1835, in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, youngest of the five children of George and Anna (Mann) Winters, also natives of Pennsylvania. Job Mann Winters was reared on a farm and received a common school education, becoming a teacher while yet in his teens. By the time he had reached his majority he had saved \$200 and came to Ohio to invest it in land. He secured a farm in Darke county, and on March 1, 1860, married Miss Rhoda Brewer, and they now have one of the finest farms in the county, comprising some four hundred acres. They make a specialty of dairy farming and raise considerable grain. They had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and four sons are interested in the Western Ohio Creamery Company: Rufus R., Clarence W., J. Homer and J. Oscar. The mother was an adept at butter making and it was her success in this line that first gave J. Oscar Winters his ambition to specialize along the line of dairying. They started in a small way to carry out the idea, having a well equipped dairy from the start, and

through the efforts of the four sons a fine business has been developed.

Job Mann Winters has always taken an active part in local affairs and is a democrat in political views. He has served at various times as delegate to conventions and for many years was township treasurer. He has always been active in bettering educational conditions and he and his wife have founded a home that has endeared them to family and friends. They are members of the Christian church. They began life with a small capital and through their own efforts have become owners of a fine farm and a competence for their declining years. Truly their children will rise up and call them blessed.

In boyhood J. Oscar Winters attended the local schools and in early manhood made up his mind to devote his efforts to farming and dairying. He did not look afar for opportunity, but he and his brothers saw it right at hand and made the most of it, and remained at home until he was thirty years old. When he had reached his majority he entered into partnership with his father. In 1895 he spent three months at the State College at Center county, Pennsylvania, and for six weeks took a special course in dairying, in order to be better fitted to carry on his work successfully. In company with his brother Clarence W., he then carried on farming and dairying, and four years later their brother J. Homer became associated with them. In 1896 the firm became known as J. M. Winters & Sons, but in 1903 Rufus R. Winters joined them and The Winters Dairy Company was organized and the enterprise carried on upon the farm. They found a market for their butter in Dayton. They started with the milk from thirty-five cows and operated on the farm until 1905. As early as 1895 they had established a reputation for the "J.O.W." brand of butter, now widely and favorably known in the markets.

In 1905 the firm erected a modern cement building in Greenville and at the present time, including their plants at Richmond, Indiana, and Xenia and St. Henry, Ohio, they handle the cream from 30,000 to 35,000 cows. They have a capacity for 30,000 pounds of butter per day, and churning began in their new building May 15, 1905. On March 1, 1906, a reorganization was effected, and they established new plants, being now represented at Greenville, West Manchester, West Sonora, Eaton, Camden, Spring Valley and New Burlington. J. Oscar Winters has been the manager who has effected

the establishment of the concern on a sound business basis, and in this he has been ably assisted by his brothers, all of whom have carefully studied the details of the business itself, as well as local conditions and the markets offered. It is one of the successful enterprises that has been built up from the foundation by far-seeing individuals and that has greatly benefited the locality in which it has operated. Mr. Winters ranks high as a business man and stands well with all who know him.

Mr. Winters was united in marriage July 3, 1900, with Miss Charlotte A. Rehmert, a native of Richland township, Darke county, where she was reared and educated, and daughter of Henry and Mary (Huber) Rehmert. They have four children living: Forest O., born in Richland township; Paul M., Donald and Grace, the latter three born in Greenville. Mr. Winters takes no active part in political affairs, although he has served in minor offices, and is a Democrat in opinions. He has served as member of the board of education of Richland township and in the fall of 1913 was elected member of the school board of Greenville. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and he is one of the official board, a teacher in the Sunday school and is at the head of the musical committee. For several years he has been a member of the Masonic Order and also belongs to the United Commercial Travellers. The family have a nice home at 210 Oakwood avenue, Greenville, where they dispense a pleasant hospitality to their many friends.

O. PRICE McGRIFF.

The peculiar and particular talents which combine for success in the insurance business make this one of the most difficult fields of endeavor in which a man may engage. His standing in the community must be of the highest order, for public confidence must be his; he must possess energy, push, determination and perseverance, for competition is strong; he must be able to talk persuasively and to prove the advantages of the insurance he has to sell, and he must at all times maintain a friendliness and co-operation with his companies and his patrons. These abilities are found exemplified in the person of O. Price McGriff, directing head of the general fire insurance firm of O. P. McGriff & Company, with offices

in the Anderson building, corner of Fourth and Broadway, Greenville. Mr. McGriff was born on a farm in Butler township, Darke county, Ohio, September 7, 1873, and is a son of Jesse A. and Martha J. (Holsapple) McGriff. His father's sketch appears in this work.

O. Price McGriff was but two years of age at the time of his mother's death, and he was then taken to rear by his maternal grandfather, with whom he resided until reaching his fifth year. His father was then married a second time, and he returned to the parental roof, his boyhood and youth being spent on the home farm. He secured his education in the country schools and also spent one year in the public school at West Manchester, and thus equipped at the age of twenty years began teaching in Butler township. He thus continued for a period of twelve years, during which time he taught in the winter terms and carried on farming in the summer months on a tract of ten acres.

On October 5, 1895, Mr. McGriff was married in Butler township, to Miss Minnie P. Fowble, who was born and reared in Butler township and for some years was a teacher of instrumentnal music. There were two children born to this union: J. Rollin, born August 27, 1902, now in the sixth grade in the public school, who, in 1913, at the age of eleven years, began clerical and collecting work for his father; and Grace Leone, born March 3, 1911, in Greenville. About 1902 Mr. McGriff began to write life insurance, and this he followed one and one-half years, finding it so profitable that in the meantime he sold his place and forty acres in Butler township and moved to New Madison, where he purchased property. He remained there only a few months, however, when he sold out and moved to Greenville, here becoming connected with the general insurance firm of Hough & Riegel. Mr. McGriff remained in the employ of this concern for four years, and on April 1, 1910, became a member of the firm by buying Mr. Riegel's interest. With Mr. Hough he continued the business until November 9, 1913, when the senior partner died, and since that time Mr. McGriff has bought his interest from the heirs and has continued the business alone under the firm style of O. P. McGriff & Company. This is now the largest enterprise of its kind in the city, and does as much business as all the other agencies combined. Mr. McGriff started out in life practically empty-handed and has steadily worked his way upward to success, overcoming the

difficulties and obstacles in his path by resolute purpose and unflagging energy. His life has been one of great industry, and he continues to work in the management of his business with the same zeal and enthusiasm that characterized his activities when he was a youth with his way to make in the world. His career has been well spent, and the honesty of his dealings and the continuity of his labors furnish an example that is well worthy of emulation by those who would gain a competence and win the respect of their fellowmen. Reared in the faith of democracy, Mr. McGriff supports that party stanchly, having cast his first presidential vote for William Jennings Bryan in 1896. He has not, however, sought public preferment in public life. In the latter eighties, he became a member of the Knights of Pythias, at Castine, in Butler township, and still maintains membership therein, as he does also in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a trustee, and Greenville Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons. His pleasant residence is located at No. 623 Washington avenue, where he tenders hospitality to a wide circle of warm friends.

WILLIAM J. McCURDY.

Railroading has proven a rich field of opportunity to those who are willing to work energetically, scorn hardships and prove fidelity to the systems that employ them, and many young men are attracted to this vocation when starting out in life. The rewards, however, are given only to those who thus prove up, and in this connection may be given a review of the career of William J. McCurdy, agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Greenville, Ohio, a man whose long, efficient and faithful service makes him one of its most trusted employes. Mr. McCurdy was born at Piqua, Ohio, February 19, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Maria (Routson) McCurdy, the former born March 6, 1831, and the latter October 29, 1832.

Joseph McCurdy was born at Wooster, Ohio, a son of William and Margaret McCurdy, the former born July 4, 1795, in the northern part of Scotland, and after coming to America lived for a time in Pennsylvania, later moving to Ohio. The paternal grandmother of William J. McCurdy was born July

17, 1798, in Delaware. Joseph McCurdy was married in Miami county, Ohio, to Maria Routson, who was born north of Piqua, in that county, daughter of Jacob Routson, a native of Maryland, who migrated to Ohio at an early day and located in Miami county. Joseph McCurdy had served an apprenticeship to the trade of cabinetmaker in his youth, but later became an expert machinist in Piqua, where he was head man in the firm of O'Ferrall, Daniels & Company, manufacturers of threshing machines. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, of whom all are living save one who died in infancy, and William J. was the second in order of birth.

As a boy William J. McCurdy attended the public schools, and at the age of fifteen years began earning money in the shops under the supervision of his father. When he was sixteen years old he began as relief man, day operator and agent, at various points in Ohio and Indiana, until 1889, when he came to Greenville as agent, a position which he has continued to ably fill to the present time. For faithful and continued service, Mr. McCurdy's record is one worthy of attention, for since 1873 he has never (in the language of R. R. men) missed a pay day. He is efficient in the discharge of his duties, and as a courteous and obliging official has become decidedly popular with the people of Greenville.

On May 17, 1888, Mr. McCurdy was married to Miss Belle Harper, who was born and reared in Greenville. She is the daughter of John and Priscilla (Miesse) Harper. Her father was born and reared in Darke county, was a pioneer photographer, a vocation which he followed throughout life. The mother was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and came to Darke county when a small child. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, both of whom passed away in infancy. Mr. McCurdy was reared a republican and cast his first vote for Garfield. He has not cared for public office. He was brought up in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he and his wife are members. Mr. McCurdy is interested in fraternal matters, being a member of Greenville Lodge No. 143, and of the Chapter, in Masonry and of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Darke County Historical Association.

Mrs. McCurdy comes of pure American stock, being descended from a long line of American ancestors on both her

father's and mother's side. Many of these have distinguished themselves in various fields of activity. Her maternal grandfather, Dr. G. Miesse, was one of the famous pioneer physicians and surgeons of Darke county. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1807, was tutored in his medical studies by a noted Prussian physician, a Doctor Quinedon, and later studied in Philadelphia. On August 24, 1832, he was married to Miss Mary Wiest, of Lancaster, Ohio, and in 1838 settled in Greenville, Ohio, where he built up a large practice and spent a long and useful life. On August 24, 1882, was celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of the Doctor and his wife. He was not alone a skilled man of medicine, but a talented artist and scholar. He also collected a valuable cabinet of historical souvenirs, rare and extensive, which the University of Heidelberg sought to obtain. Doctor Miesse was a direct descendant of Daniel Miesse, a native of Saxony, Germany, who came to America in colonial days and during the Revolutionary war was a volunteer soldier in the army of Gen. George Washington, and one of forty-two who rendered special service at the crossing of the Delaware, receiving a document from the General "for meritorious services." Doctor Miesse was the last of the direct descendants of Daniel Miesse, and died August 10, 1886, his faithful wife having passed away a few years before.

On the paternal side Mrs. McCurdy is a direct descendant of an ancestor who had a hand in making history, who was the father of Rachel Arnold, the wife of Moses Arnold, who came to Ohio in 1808, locating in what is now Clinton, Ohio, then Warren county, and in 1817 William Arnold, his son, moved to Darke county. He was the father of Delilah (Arnold) Harper, grandmother of Mrs. McCurdy.

The ancestor previously mentioned was a man of influence in the Colonial Congress of 1765, and of the First Continental Congress, and he, with John Rutledge and Christopher Gadsden, were the first to arrive at that assembly in 1776. He was a strong advocate of liberty, but died before signing the Declaration of Independence, although his son who became his successor, signed that famous document.

Mrs. McCurdy is a D. A. R. and is well known socially, is an active church member and identified with several ladies' clubs, being a charter member of both the Columbian and Sorosis clubs.

BRUMBAUGH FAMILY.

The name Brumbaugh is of German origin and in America has taken various spellings and includes all such as Brumbach, Brumback, Bombach, Brombach, Broombaugh, Brombaugh, Brownbaugh, Brownback and perhaps some others, all due no doubt to the fact that people in America on hearing the newly arrived immigrant pronounce the name each gave his own spelling to it.

One of the family who came to America was Gerhard Brumbach, who was born in 1662, in Saxony, near Wittenberg, Germany. His name is found spelled not less than five ways, not from his writing it himself as he always made "his mark." He settled at Germantown, Pa., when there was but one house there, which was built in 1683. He was then about 21 years of age. It has been asserted that he came across on the Concord. He must have been about 54 or 56 years of age when he married Mary Rittenhouse Papen, who was born in 1695. She was the daughter of Heivert and Elizabeth (Rittenhouse) Papen. Her father was a man of considerable means and Gerhard Brombach settled the estate and his wife had quite an inheritance. At this time there were several spellings used in the name and the second generation used that of Brumback, but in the third generation it became Brownback, which remains to the present time.

Gerhard settled in Vincent township on 600 acres of land, but later acquired more, until he had about 1,000 acres. It was at that time a wilderness and there was a village of about 300 Indians nearby. With these he made friends and employed them as laborers, smoked the "peace pipe," took part in their wrestling matches, and other sports. He paid them in provisions. He built a house and barn of logs, very substantial, the house with a door through which logs could be hauled by a team to get the logs to the fireplace. The farm descended to Henry, then to Peter, then what is called the upper farm to Jesse, then to another Peter, and now both farms belong to Garrett Ellwood Brownback and have never been owned outside the family since the original grant from Penn. There was such a demand made upon him to keep travelers over night that he applied for and received permission to open a "public house," which became "Brownback Inn" about 1736. He was "Ye jolly landlord" until nearly the time of his death, which took place 1757. His son Benjamin suc-

ceeded him and on September 4, 1777, and for several days thereafter had the honor of entertaining Generals Washington and LaFayette. LaFayette had received a wound at Warren Tavern and had retreated to join Washington's army on its way to Germantown. The landlord, Benjamin Brownback, held a lieutenant's commission in the continental army dated August 21, 1776. Not only was Gerhard an innkeeper, but he was interested in many other enterprises. The most prominent of these is the part he took in establishing German Reformed church in 1743. The first building was of hewn logs. This was later replaced with a building of stone in 1800, rebuilt in 1846, remodeled and enlarged in 1878, and in 1907 a tower and a Sunday school room were added. It is today one of the most beautiful churches in the county.

Another of the family to come to America in colonial times was Johann Jacob Brumbach, who was born about 1728, and came to America on the ship Nancy, arriving at Philadelphia August 31, 1750. It seems that his parents had passed away before he left Germany and he brought with him as his inheritance about two hundred fifty dollars with which he seems to have bought a tract of land in what was then Frederick county, Maryland, south of Mason's and Dixon's line, not far from Hagerstown, but north about four miles from there. When about thirty-two years of age he married Mary Elizabeth Angle. He had built a log house before his marriage. This building is still standing and occupied. He rendered efficient service as a packman in the French and Indian war. He was well to do in later life as is shown by his securing 6,000 acres of land. On arriving in America he must have dropped the name Johann and was thereafter known as Jacob Brumbach. He was a very religious man and died in Pennsylvania April 10, 1799. Of his seven children we have to do only with the fourth, Daniel S. Brumbaugh, the spelling having already been changed no doubt by some one in making out legal papers and writing it as pronunciation sounded. He was born in 1772 in what is now Washington county, then Frederick county, Maryland. He died August 24, 1824. He had married Elizabeth Long and to them were born nine children. His wife lived until December 12, 1860, being 81 years and 11 months. Of their children the third was named for his father, Daniel, and was born in Washington county, Maryland, August 6, 1803. When twenty years of age he married Annie Gray, a cousin of Ex-Gov. Isaac P. Gray, of Indiana. She

was born in Maryland August 5, 1805. Four years later they moved to Bedford county, Pennsylvania. In December, 1863, they moved to Darke county, Ohio, where they carried on farming. Daniel died in that county January 29, 1882. His wife had passed away about 1874. Of their ten children the fourth, Samuel David, was born January 7, 1831, near Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland. On December 8, 1853, he married Elizabeth Darner, who was born June 24, 1831, near Beaverstown, Montgomery county, Ohio. He had come to Ohio several years before his parents came. His wife was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Darner.

Samuel David Brumbaugh was drafted during the Civil war but when he went to take the examination he was rejected as being physically unfit for military service. He afterward was commissioned first lieutenant of Company E, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for which he did a recruiting service. He died March 18, 1868. To them were born five children as follows: John Franklin, born November 12, 1854. He married Sarah M. Campbell of Darke county, Ohio. He later became the owner of the farm which had been bought by his father before the latter's death. To him were born four children: Maude Elizabeth married John E. Kline, who served as deputy auditor for Darke county from 1909 to 1914, when he was appointed deputy district tax commissioner by W. D. Brumbaugh. They have two children. The second of John Franklin Brumbaugh's children was John Walter, who died at the age of two years. The third is a daughter, Hattie. She married Claude Oswalt, a farmer residing on a farm adjacent to Brumbaugh farm in Greenville township. No children. Gertie, single, lives with her widowed mother on the Brumbaugh homestead across the road from Concord German Reformed church. John Franklin Brumbaugh died September 10, 1898. The second child of Samuel David is Daniel Harmon Brumbaugh, born October 11, 1856. He married Ella Bender of Darke county. He is a farmer and lives near Arcanum, Ohio. To them have been born eight children, five of whom are living. The third child of Samuel David Brumbaugh is Virginia Bell. She was born December 21, 1859. She married John W. Stephens, a farmer of Darke county, Ohio. They live in Greenville now and have five children. Clement Laird Brumbaugh, fourth child of Samuel David, was born in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, February 28, 1863.

William David Brumbaugh, the youngest of the five children, was born August 1, 1866. He was about 18 months' old when his father passed away. The father had bought the old Deed's farm by the Concord church in Greenville township, consisting of 80 acres, in the fall before his death. The mother then took up the struggle of rearing these children and of keeping them together. This she succeeded in doing and by hard labor upon the farm, often doing a man's labor of out-door work, she with the help of the children succeeded in saving fifty-five acres. A part of the struggles is told in the biographies of her two sons, Clement L. and William David, which follows this article. She lived to see all her children well established in the world and her last years were spent in her little home on Martin street by the side of her daughter's residence, where she was cared for and administered to by her loving and faithful sons and daughter. The bosoms of her children swell with pride when they say that "they never heard her speak a reproachful word of any person and that they never knew her to seek her repose at night without first committing the care of herself and her little family to the keeping of her Savior, whom she fervently served to the last moment of her earthly existence."

HON. CLEMENT LAIRD BRUMBAUGH.

Congressman Clement L. Brumbaugh, democrat, of Columbus, Ohio, belongs to an old and honored family, which has been located in America for nearly two hundred years, the progenitor having come from Germany about 1750 and settled in what was then Frederick county, Maryland. A very good history of the Brumbaugh family may be found in this volume, as well as sketches of several prominent members of the family who are identified with Darke county. A family characteristic is having a purpose in view worthy of striving for and steadily working toward the desired end. Clement L. Brumbaugh has had to make his own way in life since he was a mere lad and has steadily progressed in worldly position and in the degree of usefulness to his fellows. His sturdy character is shown in his face and bearing and he is a striking figure in any gathering.

Mr. Brumbaugh was born on a farm near Greenville, Darke

county, February 28, 1863, son of Samuel D. and Elizabeth (Darner) Brumbaugh, the parents given extensive mention in connection with the history of the family mentioned above. Samuel David Brumbaugh was the fourth of the ten children of Daniel and Anna (Gray) Brumbaugh, and was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, January 7, 1831, came to Ohio before 1860, and died March 18, 1868. Elizabeth Darner was born June 24, 1831, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Darner. Samuel D. Brumbaugh was drafted for service during the Civil war, but was not accepted on account of physical defects, though he was later commissioned first lieutenant of Company E, Third Ohio Infantry, for which he did recruiting service. He and his wife had five children, all of whom still survive. The fall before his death he purchased the old Deede farm near Concord church in Greenville township, consisting of eighty acres. His widow was left with five small children and endured many privations in her effort to do her best for them all. She worked in the fields and often did a man's work. She never lost courage and faith in the future, and in her later life her children in truth realized and appreciated what she had done for them and the ambition she had instilled into them. She wished each one to make an honorable place for himself and lived to see them all in comfortable circumstances and a credit to her hard work and foresight. All honored her highly and they did their utmost to make her last days happy and to make up to her for the hardships she endured. She succeeded in saving for their home fifty-five acres of the farm and as her sons grew large enough to help they did what they could for her and later went to work for others to do their share to keep up the home.

Clement L. Brumbaugh was five years old at the time of his father's death, so that his earliest recollections are associated with hard work and privation. He became a farm hand as soon as he was large enough to be accepted in that capacity. This was in the days when farmers worked from the rising to the setting sun and sometimes later, and expected the most conscientious and painstaking service. He was never known to shirk his duty and always had his ideal for the future, resolving to better his condition as he was able to do so and schooling himself in patience. He attended the district school when opportunity offered and applied himself so diligently that he was able to secure a certificate to teach, using this profession as a stepping stone to higher ground, as so many

others have done. For a few years he taught winters and worked as a farm hand during the summer months, and upon reaching manhood's estate he had saved some money toward his educational plans. In 1887 he graduated with degree B. S. from the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio; then founded Van Buren Academy, which he conducted four years; from 1891 until 1893 took a special course in ancient languages at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware Ohio; in the fall of 1893 entered the senior year in the classical course at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., graduating with degree A.B. in June, 1894; the following year taught school in the city of Washington; from 1896 to 1900 served as superintendent of schools in Greenville. He had a special liking for the study of history and also made a specialty of studying political economy, in this way following a train of thought that made his later public services especially valuable, for he has always been very conscientious in fulfilling every trust. He was an alternate at large for the State of Ohio to the democratic national convention at Kansas City in 1900; from 1900 until 1904 served as member and minority leader in the Ohio legislature, during which time he made a record that was of great assistance to him in his later career as a politician.

During his college course, Mr. Brumbaugh had studied law and in 1900 was admitted by the Supreme Court of Ohio to practice the profession, which he immediately took up in the city of Columbus, winning a place at once by his ability. While holding the position of deputy superintendent of insurance of the State of Ohio he was nominated for Congress in the Twelfth Ohio Congressional District, at a democratic primary held May 21, 1912. The district had a normal republican majority of about 5,000, but on account of Mr. Brumbaugh's previous progressive record in the Ohio legislature he was endorsed by the progressive party of the district, which helped win his election to the Sixty-third Congress. He received 24,340 votes to 14,682 for Hon. Edward L. Taylor, Jr., republican; 7,095 for Jacob L. Baehman, socialist; and 450 for John R. Schmidt, labor socialist, and he was the only democratic nominee for Congress in Ohio to receive the endorsement of the progressive party. He had carried on an able campaign and had made numerous able speeches, which had brought him into prominence throughout the State, for all its citizens were interested in his success, more especially as his record of being a self-made man appealed to all. His

upright and enthusiastic zeal and courage won him many friends; all who know him well predict greater things in his future. He has always been steadfastly true to his party and its interests and is known as one of the typical democratic leaders from Ohio.

WILLIAM D. BRUMBAUGH.

Few men are so well known in Darke county as William D. Brumbaugh, prominent attorney of Greenville, who has for many years been identified with one or another of the movements for advancement and progress in the community. He was born in a log cabin on a farm now known as the Kelsey Place, Richland township, Darke county, August 1, 1867, and is the youngest child of Samuel D. and Elizabeth (Darner) Brumbaugh.

The father was born and grew to manhood on a farm near Hagerstown, Maryland, coming as a youth to Montgomery county, Ohio. He there was united in marriage with Elizabeth Darner, born on the old Darner homestead in that county. Soon after marriage the young couple located in Richland township, Darke county; they later bought eighty acres in Greenville township. The father died a few months after this purchase, leaving his widow with five children, four sons and one daughter, the eldest being twelve years of age. At that time William D. was eighteen months old. Mrs. Brumbaugh managed to keep her little family together and, with their help, managed to keep for herself fifty-five acres of land. Of the children: John Franklin, who had purchased the old homestead, died about 1900, leaving a widow and three daughters; Daniel H., whose home was in Darke county, died December 23, 1912, from the effects of an operation at St. Elizabeth hospital, Dayton, Ohio, leaving a widow and five children; Clement L. lives at 1309 Niel avenue, Columbus; Jennie Belle, the only daughter, married John W. Stephens, and they have five children, their home being in Greenville; William D., the youngest, whose name heads this sketch.

Samuel D. Brumbaugh was a democrat in politics and was a member of the Reformed church. He was drafted for service in the army during the Civil war, but was rejected on account of physical inability.

William D. Brumbaugh remained with his mother until he

was twenty-eight years of age. He worked during the summer months and attended school through the winter, as did his brother also. The first money he earned was a dime which he received for dropping corn over the three acre field around the old school house, which was owned by Uncle William Oswald. When he was thirteen years of age he hired out to Joseph S. and John Walker at fifty cents per day and worked for them three summers, doing a man's work in plowing, in the harvest field and wherever he could be most useful. The winters of his fifteenth and sixteenth years he attended Greenville high school, walking the three miles there and back morning and evening. During this time he ate his noonday meal in the retail grocery and hardware store of Westerfield Bros., in the building now occupied by the C. C. Hall cigar store. He spent his spare time at noon taking special work in mathematics under Prof. F. M. White, as he wanted to progress faster than the rest of the class were able to do.

On the first day of March after he had reached the age of sixteen years, Mr. Brumbaugh started his career as a teacher in his home district, the Concord school, as it was called. His mother's home had sheltered the teachers in the district, as well as all preachers who came to the neighborhood to preach. For the first ninety days, a spring term, he received one dollar per day, and for the winter term he received one and a half dollars per day. He continued this work three winters and four springs, earning money which assisted to pay off the mortgage on the home place. He taught one winter at Poplar Ridge and three winters at Bear's Mills, and during four summers attended school at Lebanon, where he was under the influence and instruction of "Daddy" Holbrook. He used the money he had earned to proceed with his education, but as he did not have enough, John Walker, who had held the mortgage on the old homestead for years, offered to loan what he needed to finish, and he took scientific, classic and engineering courses, in all of which he did creditably. At the age of twenty-four years, when he finished his course, he was owing Mr. Walker \$575, and took out Union Central Life insurance in favor of his mother, who was also a signer of his note, in order to protect her interests.

Shortly after leaving school Mr. Brumbaugh was nominated on the democratic ticket for the office of county surveyor, being elected in the fall, and he took his office January 1,

1891. He was re-elected in 1894, at which time he led the ticket, and on account of changes in the law affecting length of office he served six years and eight months. While serving his last term he was appointed city engineer by the city council. About 1899 he and his brother, Clement L., built a house in Greenville and there William D. Brumbaugh and his mother made their home. For eleven years he continued to serve as city engineer and during that time he served as chief engineer of the sanitary board, which put in seventeen miles of sewer system and during this time also Broadway, Washington avenue, East and West Fifth streets, East Fourth street and East Third street were paved. He has superintended work in nearly every section of the State. There is scarcely a farm in this county which he has not been on and he is so familiar with the lands of Darke county that upon hearing the location of a man's home can at once name his near neighbors.

Mr. Brumbaugh was married in Greenville, September 17, 1895, to Miss Carrie E. Ridenour, born and reared in Greenville, a graduate of Greenville high school, and who was a teacher in Darke county. She is a daughter of William and Nina (Phillips) Ridenour. Four children have blessed this union: Laird R., born August 23, 1897, died June 17, 1913, when a junior in Greenville high school; Nina E., born December 29, 1899, is a member of the sophomore class in high school; William D., Jr., born August 15, 1906, and Herman Edward, born July 15, 1910.

While teaching, Mr. Brumbaugh had his first impulse to study law and actually began his course, reading in the office of Attorneys Bickel and Allread, above the old postoffice, where later he had his own office. He abandoned the idea for a few years, on account of his mother's scruples, but never lost his desire or predilection for the law, and his course at Lebanon helped him in his later studies along this line. While serving as city engineer he took up this study during his evenings and his wife was of great assistance during this period, giving him his quizzes. By the close of his service as city engineer he was fully prepared for his examination, which he passed in June, 1904, and was admitted to the bar. He has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession and has gained a high reputation. He has a suite of offices on the second floor of the Trainor building on Broadway, and has been successful to a gratifying degree.

During early manhood Mr. Brumbaugh was a democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He has always taken great interest in public affairs and has been active in the interests of his party during campaigns and at the polls. He served several times on the executive committee of Darke county and in 1912 was its chairman. In 1894 Mr. Brumbaugh, with four others, viz., Charles J. Herr, Guy C. Baker, James Chenoweth and J. Willard Ditman, were conducting a lecture course in Greenville, and had booked John Temple Graves for a lecture. However, Mr. Graves was unable to meet his engagement and Mr. Brumbaugh, as secretary of the committee, was empowered to secure a substitute. He wrote to his brother, Clement L., then a teacher in Howard University, Washington, D. C., to ascertain if he could secure Bourke Cochrane. At that time William J. Bryan was serving his first term as congressman from Nebraska, and had delivered his electrifying speech on the tariff question, which Clement Brumbaugh was fortunate enough to hear, and without attempting to secure Mr. Cochrane, wrote back to his brother, "If you want to get the coming leader of the people get W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska." This was done, and in the spring William D. Brumbaugh had the pleasure of introducing the "silver tongued" orator to his first Ohio audience, in the Greenville opera house. Since that time there has never been a presidential or gubernatorial campaign at which Mr. Bryan has not addressed the people of Darke county, and Mr. Brumbaugh has been an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan since first meeting him. In 1909 he was a candidate for nomination for office of probate judge, but was defeated by the present incumbent, James B. Kelp.

In March, 1912, he was appointed deputy state oil inspector for the seventh district, holding that office until he resigned it to accept position of district tax assessor in Darke county, being appointed to office by Governor Cox. His mother was a member of the United Brethren church and at the age of sixteen years he also joined it at Concord, and after locating in Greenville identified himself with the church there, serving some time as a member of the board of trustees and as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and to the Knights of Pythias. He has a large number of friends throughout the county and has been well supported in his campaigns for office

and in his personal efforts for the welfare and progress of his county and state. His wife is a member of the Altrurian club of Greenville and the family are well known in social circles. Mr. Brumbaugh is an upright, public-spirited citizen and has always been much interested in his fellow men and in any institution or movement which he feels will result in good to the greatest number rather than to a few.

HARRY C. MILLER.

Harry C. Miller is one of the younger men in public life in Darke county, and is giving the people conscientious service in the capacity of county surveyor. He is well known throughout the county and has many sincere friends. He was born in the city of Richmond, Indiana, February 25, 1884, son of Thomas B. and Elizabeth (McGrew) Miller. He was but one year old when his parents located in Greenville, Ohio, and five years later his father was chosen superintendent of the county infirmary, a position he held eleven years.

Mr. Miller attended the country schools until he was about thirteen years of age, then started to attend school in Greenville, continuing until he had taken the first two years of the high school course. He left to begin a course in civil engineering and surveying in the school of John Beers, at Greenville, from which he graduated creditably in 1904. He was much interested in his chosen line of work and gained valuable practical experience during the succeeding years in railway work in Arkansas. For a year he was assistant engineer in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company. For about a year he then worked as mining engineer in Pennsylvania. For a few years he worked in various parts of the country for private individuals and firms, but during this time retained his residence in Darke county, and has always been interested in local affairs. He was reared with principles of democracy and cast his first presidential ballot for William Jennings Bryan. He has since actively worked in the interest of his party and has been much interested in the work of the party in Darke county. In November, 1912, he was elected to his present office, taking same September 1, 1913. He makes friends readily, is interested in the welfare of the public and most conscientious in the performance

of his official duties. His former experience has been of great help to him and he is well fitted for the work in which he is engaged. He has the confidence and esteem of all and is considered a public-spirited citizen.

On September 26, 1907, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Roland, a native of Greenville, a graduate of the high school there, and for five years prior to her marriage teacher of drawing in the school at St. Marys, Ohio. She is a daughter of Charles, Jr., and Elizabeth (Davis) Roland, residents of Greenville. She is a member and one of the earnest workers of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Fin-de-Sicle Literary Society. Mr. Miller is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has filled the chairs in the local lodge, and he also belongs to the Order of Elks. In July, 1913, he began the erection of a pretty modern residence, into which he moved the following October, located on Grey avenue. He and his wife are parents of a little daughter, Marjorie Elizabeth, born December 19, 1913.

CHANNING WEBSTER BRANDON.

Channing Webster Brandon, president of the Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company, was the organizer of that large concern, whose stock is held by over six hundred representative citizens throughout the State of Ohio, located in every county in the State and comprising over one hundred physicians, one hundred merchants and manufacturers, the same number of bankers and clergymen, numerous farmers, and men engaged in various other occupations. When this company was organized it was with the thought of benefiting the next generation and those coming later, as well as of giving the people safe insurance at lowest cost, for they do not pay enormous salaries to a few officers of the company. This company was organized to establish a co-operative commonwealth that would place the policy holders' interests first, carry out the highest ideals, practice the Golden Rule and furnish the most of the best insurance for the least money. Insurance men have year by year brought their business to a scientific basis, and all intelligent persons may know whether or not the policies offered them are prepared on a fair basis. Such a company as the one here described is of great benefit to those who

avail themselves of the opportunity it offers. Mr. Brandon is responsible more than any other for the success of the enterprise and has given his best efforts in this connection.

Mr. Brandon was born December 11, 1858, at Marion, Ind., third child of Thomas A. and Susanna (McCullough) Brandon, both now deceased. The father was a clergyman and for some fifty years presided as pastor of various churches in Darke county. He was born near Versailles, Darke county, and died in 1896. The mother was born near Addison, Miami county, Ohio.

The Brandon family originally came from Ireland. The father of James M. Brandon was also named Alexander and was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1748. He was a private in General Washington's army and was promoted to sergeant and received his pay in the depreciated paper money that was issued by the Continental Congress which went so far below par in its value that the by-word, "not worth a Continental," expressed the lowest possible value one could imagine. He was the son of an immigrant known as Scotch-Irishman, who located in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in the first half of the Eighteenth century. It appears that they remained in Pennsylvania until after the close of the Revolutionary war and that Alexander had several brothers, one of whom was Jonathan. On Monday, April 19, 1773, Alexander Brandon married Elizabeth Mabinette, who was born on Sunday, June 11, 1749. (It seems that some of the descendants have her name Elizabeth Robinette, but our authority says this is a mistake and that Mabinette is correct.) Alexander and Jonathan Brandon seem to have moved to Preston county, West Virginia, in 1786. Jonathan located where Brandonville, which was named for him, now stands. His house was the very first built there and later on one room was used as a store.

Alexander located on the north side of Sandy Creek between Bruceton and Hazleton, his farm being the one now owned by John Matlick. In West Virginia Alexander Brandon became the first colonel of the One Hundred and Fourth regiment of State militia and held that position until one year before his death, which took place on the anniversary of his birth, March 13, 1813. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away April 14, 1792. Of their four sons and six daughters all went to Ohio except William and Hannah. One of these was James M.

Brandon, the grandfather of Channing Webster Brandon of this review.

Rev. Thomas A. Brandon was one of the early teachers of Darke county, where he became well known later for his work in the interests of the Christian church. He was drafted for military service during Civil war, when men were being secured for the purpose of stopping Morgan's raid, but it was necessary for him to serve only a few days. He was highly respected and held in high regard by all. He and his wife had four children.

In boyhood Mr. Channing W. Brandon attended several different schools, beginning his education at the age of five years in the public school at Montgomery, Hamilton county, and later attending the public schools of Stringtown, Lebanon, Troy, Yellow Springs, Williamsport, Bellefontaine, Dayton, Jamestown, Ohio, and Union City, Ind., where his father was preaching. At the age of sixteen years he left school and took a position with his brother in the grocery business in Bellefontaine, remaining there a year and a half. Later he taught school in Darke county, the first year three miles east of Union City, the second year seven miles north of that town. He returned to Bellefontaine and for two years was employed there as a bookkeeper, after which for three years he conducted a book and stationery business there on his own account, after which he entered the line of work in which he has since been engaged. He moved to Greenville on February 4, 1884, remained there until 1893, and during this time was working in the interests of the Union Central Life Insurance Company. He went to Dayton in the interests of the same company, remained there about ten years, and in June, 1903, located in Columbus. He began the organization of the Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1906 and by April, 1908, was writing insurance in the same, being president of this growing enterprise from the start. He has offices in the Wyandotte building and both Mr. Brandon and the company he represents stand well in business circles. He has always displayed great energy and executive ability in conducting his business affairs and has shown good business sense in his methods of procedure.

On September 18, 1877, Mr. Brandon married Miss Josephine S., daughter of William Archard, who has been county commissioner of Darke county. Her grandfather, David Mauzy, served as a member of the Ohio Legislature from Darke

county and died at the Neill House, Columbus. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brandon: William T. is married and has two children, Margaret J. and William Webster; Harry P. and Mary Josephine, unmarried; Archard, who is married and has no issue.

In politics Mr. Brandon is independent, believing it right to elect the man to office who is best fitted to serve the interests of the people, regardless of politics. He is a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, and also of the Masonic Order, having joined the latter at Greenville in 1886. The family have a pleasant home at 118 Miami avenue, Columbus. They are well remembered in Greenville, where they lived several years, and have many friends there.

IRA H. MARTIN.

Ira H. Martin is a representative citizen of Darke county and has a pleasant home in Greenville. He owns a fine eighty acre farm on Gettysburg pike, Adams township, about four miles from the city, but is employed as a railway mail clerk for the government. He is a native of the county, born on a farm in Washington township, March 12, 1871, son of Joseph and Jane (Van Fleet) Martin. The father, a native of the same township, was a son of Hugh and Eve (Cox) Martin, and was born July 8, 1834. He was a man of education and enterprise. He spent several years in mercantile business, but later engaged in farming, where he was successful in a gratifying degree.

Hugh Martin came to Ohio from Pennsylvania with his parents when a young man and with them lived for a time in Trumbull county and from there the family came to Darke county. Here he was married to Eve Cox October 2, 1823. She was born in Pennsylvania October 23, 1796, and came with her parents to Ohio in 1816. Her parents settled on West Branch in Darke county, where her father secured 1,600 acres of land from the United States government at \$1.25 per acre. From that she inherited one hundred and sixty acres.

The mother was born on Broadway, New York City, daughter of John D. and Eleanor N. (Doty) Van Fleet, her father being a blacksmith on Broadway at the time of her birth.

From New York City her parents moved to some place in New Jersey, where her mother passed away. The father married again and later moved to Darke county, Ohio, where he bought a farm which he sold after a few years and moved to Wabash county, Indiana. In later years he came back to Darke county and lived near Coletown, surviving to the age of about eighty years. He and his second wife are buried at what is known as Sharpeye cemetery. He was son of Cornelius and Sophia (Cole) Van Fleet, the former of whom was born April 30, 1766, and the latter July 5, 1773.

Joseph Martin was married in Darke county about 1859 or 1860, and Ira H. is the youngest of their six children, and a twin. Ida M. is unmarried and lives on the Martin homestead in Washington township, making her home with a brother; Charles died in infancy; Francis M. died at the age of eighteen years; John, who owns and lives on the old home place, married Elizabeth Landers and they have two sons, Ray and Charles; Ora H. and Ira H. are twins. Ora H. married Jessie Kurts, lives in Richmond, Ind., and they have two daughters, Hildred and Rebecca. He is employed as a railway mail clerk. The mother of these children died in 1880 and the father April 2, 1907, and both are interred in Manuel cemetery near Coletown. The father was a Democrat in political belief; he never took much active part in political affairs.

Mr. Martin received a good education and at the age of twenty years began teaching a country school, following the profession eleven years. He looked ahead during the time to the day when he could engage in something that would give him employment throughout the year and insure a good income, and in September, 1902, took examination for railway postal clerk, entering the service in April, 1903. He has been successful in making a good record and in March, 1912, bought his farm, on which he has made many improvements. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is pleasant and genial in manner and has made many firm friends. He is well known in the community as a man of upright habits and good principles, as well as for his enterprise and public spirit.

On August 25, 1897, Mr. Martin married Miss Ella Protzman, a native of Franklin township, Darke county, and daughter of William and Nancy (Marker) Protzman.

One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Martin,

Eugene Lowell, born in Greenville, September 12, 1905. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Pythian Sisters and has filled the office of Senior and Most Excellent Chief. She is also a charter member of the Coterie club.

JOHN S. SIMON.

A man of simple, unaffected dignity, kind-hearted and remarkably industrious, John S. Simon has always held the high respect of his kindred and business associates, and won a success which is well deserved. In his business relations he was sagacious, but never was too much occupied with them to neglect his duties as a citizen or his responsibilities to his family. He was born at Versailles, Ohio, where he now lives retired, July 27, 1847, a son of George S. and Frances (Begin) Simon, and grandson of John N. and Jane Simon, and John Joseph Begin. John N. Simon and his wife located about two and one-half miles northeast of Versailles upon their immigration from France to America. There they became the owners of one hundred and sixty acres of land and reared their family. They died upon that property which is still in the family, when he was eighty-seven years old, and she eighty years old. They had four children, namely: Sebastian, who was in the French army and came here two years after his father; George S.; John N., Jr.; and Matilda, who married John N. Gasson and is now deceased as is her husband. John Begin, the maternal grandfather of John S. Simon came to America with his wife and family on the same boat with the Simon family, they too, being natives of France. Mrs. Begin died when still comparatively a young woman, but he lived to be eighty-seven years old. They had four children: Frances, Mary, Celestine and Joseph.

George S. Simon was only nineteen years old when the final severing of native ties took place and the family came to America. The sailing vessel upon which they embarked in 1839, consumed sixty-three days on the voyage, and the little party landed at Versailles, Ohio, June 20 of that year. For the following forty years George S. Simon was a merchant at Versailles, and was a man of more than ordinary attainments, having been well educated in his native land, and spoke both French and English fluently. A brother of his served for seven

years in the French army, but he escaped service by coming to America. He and his wife were schoolmates and knew each other all their lives. The death of this excellent man occurred in 1901 when he was eighty-one years old, he having been born in 1821. His wife, who was born in 1819, died in 1896, aged seventy-seven years. Originally Catholics, they departed from that creed to become members of the Christian (Disciple) church. For several terms, George S. Simon served his township as treasurer. He and his wife had four children, namely: John S.; George, who died unmarried when thirty years old, Mary M., who married J. C. Turpin of Red Key, Ind., and Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Valentine Arbaugh.

John S. Simon has spent his life at Versailles and has passed through many changes, for he remembers the time when he and his mother gathered wild blackberries on the sites of the Christian and Methodist churches and the school house. He used to shoot ducks that frequented a pond then occupying the lot on which the Cashman residence now stands. During his boyhood he attended the Versailles school, and when only thirteen years old began to make himself useful in his father's store, later becoming the buyer for the clothing and boot and shoe departments. Subsequently he conducted a business of his own on the corner now occupied by Leonard Marker, continuing in this line until he was elected county treasurer in 1884, and in order to attend to the duties, moved to the county seat and resided there for four years. Returning to Versailles he conducted a "racket store" until his retirement in 1909, since which time he has not been engaged in an active participation in business affairs. Until four years ago, Mr. Simon enjoyed almost perfect health, but at that time had the misfortune to be stricken down with sciatic rheumatism, from which he has never fully recovered, and compelled to enter into retirement.

On April 15, 1868, John S. Simon married Amanda Brush, a daughter of William Brush. Mr. and Mrs. Simon became the parents of two children: Harry, who is clerking at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Margaret, who married a Mr. Gutheil and he died at Greenville, where he was buried. Mr. and Mrs. Gutheil had three sons, Cecil, Harry and Charles. After the death of her first husband, Margaret married (second) a Mr. Chubb and has one daughter, Margaret Chubb. John S. Simon lost his first wife, and he married (second) Maggie M. Seibert, a daughter of John and Eusebia (Fitts) Seibert, and they have

one son, George M. Simon, who is clerking at Zanesville, Ohio. Mrs. Maggie M. Simon was born at Greenville, Ohio, but her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The former died some years ago, but his wife is still living. They had five children: Hattie, Daisy, Maggie M., Harry and Charles Seibert. Mrs. Simon and her son belong to the Christian church. Fraternally, Mr. Simon belongs to Versailles Lodge No. 290, F. & A. M., and is also a Chapter and Commandery Mason. Politically, he has always supported the doctrines of the Democratic party, and has given expression to his views when he thought his action would produce the most good. For several years he was township clerk, and for the same length of time served on the school board, while for nine years he was a justice of the peace. In every line of endeavor he has proven himself a man of character and no one ever had cause to regret placing implicit confidence in him or his judgment.

Mr. Simon has the Bible, in three volumes, published in 1702, left him by his father and formerly his grandfather's. It is now the property of his son, George M. Simon, having been in four Simon generations.

WILLIAM V. KELLEY.

William V. Kelley, a prominent business man of Chicago, Ill., is a member of one of Darke county's pioneer families. His father took an active part in public affairs in Greenville and vicinity and was one of the leading merchants of Greenville. Mr. Kelley was born at Gratis, Ohio, February 13, 1861, son of William J. and Susan E. (Taylor) Kelley, both natives of Ohio. William J. Kelley located on a farm near Greenville in 1865 and was one of the more successful and substantial farmers of the region. In later life he located in Greenville, where he operated the leading dry goods and hardware store. He was widely known and served for a time as county auditor. He was a man of great public spirit and interested himself in various local enterprises. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows' organization and largely instrumental in the project of the erection of the Greenville opera house. His death occurred in 1889 and he was buried in Greenville cemetery. His widow survived until November 29, 1912, passing away in Chi-

cago, and her remains were brought to Greenville and laid to rest beside those of her husband.

When about eight years old William V. Kelley began attendance at Greenville public schools, at the age of eighteen graduating from the high school.

He subsequently took a commercial course in Cincinnati, remaining one year in that city. Upon returning to Greenville he was employed as bookkeeper in his father's store, and in 1883 accepted a position as bookkeeper and salesman with W. W. Diehl Hardware Company, of Springfield, Ohio, with whom he remained about two years, leaving to become associated with Springfield Malleable Iron Company, with whom he remained until January 1, 1888. At that time he entered the employ of Charles Scott Spring Company, of Philadelphia, manufacturers of railway car and locomotive springs, remaining with that company until August, 1897.

In 1897 Mr. Kelley organized the Simplex Railway Appliance Company, in Chicago. Their plant was located in Hammond, Ind., where they manufactured car bolsters, brake beams and car and locomotive springs. On January 1, 1905, this business was sold to the American Steel Foundries, and in August of the same year Mr. Kelley was elected president of the concern, which post he retained until 1912, when he resigned to take the position of chairman of the company, which office he resigned in March, 1914, although he is still a director of the company. In 1902 Mr. Kelley broadened the field of operations of the concern and organized the Simplex Railway Appliance Company of Canada, with headquarters at Montreal. This concern engaged in the manufacture of bolsters, brake beams and similar goods. The name of this concern was subsequently changed to Dominion Car & Foundry Company, the capital stock increased and a new plant built, where they manufactured their former line of goods and in addition steel freight cars. In consolidation operations this company in 1912 was sold to the Canadian Car & Foundry Company and Mr. Kelley's connection with it ceased from that date, as he received cash for his share in the enterprise.

In 1910 Mr. Kelley bought a controlling interest in the Miehle Printing Press and Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, without doubt at the present time the largest concern of its kind in the world. He has become associated with various other business enterprises and among his other interests is a stockholder and director in the Continental & Commercial

National Bank, the second largest bank in the United States. He is also a stockholder and director in the Union Trust Company of Chicago; stockholder and director with the Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, and holds similar posts with the Wahl Adding Machine Company. Mr. Kelley stands high in business circles, not only in Chicago, but also wherever he is known. His ability in the financial world is of a high order and it is such men who help produce the prosperity of a community and State.

Mr. Kelley was married, November 14, 1894, to Miss Lillian Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orson Phelps, of Spring Green, Wisconsin, and later of Chicago. Four sons have blessed this union, all students in the Chicago schools: William V., Jr., Russell Phelps, Phelps and Gordon Phelps. The family reside at 1550 North State Parkway, and the offices of the Miehle Printing Press & Manufacturing Company are located at 1216-1218 Monadnock block, in the heart of the business district of Chicago. Although much engrossed in business Mr. Kelley and his wife are popular in club and social life, in which both are well known and prominent. He is a member of the following clubs: Chicago, Union League, Mid-Day, Chicago Athletic, Chicago Golf, Onwentsia, Glenview Golf, Exmoor Country, Old Elm Golf, South Shore Country and National Golf Links of America, as well as Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, near South Hampton, Long Island. Mr. Kelley is very popular in the various circles where his activities lead him and his sterling qualities of mind and heart have won him a multitude of friends. He has identified himself with the city where he has his chief business interests, but has a warm spot in his heart for the place of his birth and is held in high esteem by the citizens of his native county.

JAMES OSCAR STARR, M. D.

Dr. James O. Starr, leading physician and surgeon of Pittsburgh, Ohio, has been located there since June, 1901, and has built up a large practice. He was born near Xenia, Ohio, November 16, 1869, eldest child of John W. and Emily J. (Bond) Starr, both natives of Virginia and both now deceased. The father was born December 11, 1841, and the mother in 1846, and died January 16, 1913. They were the parents of five chil-

dren, viz.: Dr. James Oscar, of this sketch; Nettie, wife of Ira W. Reck of Gettysburg, Ohio; George W., an attorney residing at Coquelle, southern Oregon; Maude, wife of Charles Wagamon of Bradford, Ohio; and Thomas L. of Toledo, Ohio. The Starr family came originally from England and settled in Virginia in an early day and from Virginia to Ohio when he was a young man and the mother a young woman. John W. Starr served in many of the important battles in the Civil war, being in Company B, Seventy-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, being in the service four years. He served at Shiloh and in most of the engagements where General Sherman commanded, going with him on the famous march from Atlanta to the sea, and was in the grand review at Washington. In early life he was a successful farmer, but in the latter part of his life he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to take care of the flowers and grounds from Chicago eastward on that line from Bradford to Logansport, Ind., making his home at Horatio, Ohio. While thus employed he was struck and killed by a train. He was an upright, industrious man, a patriotic citizen and well respected by all.

At the age of seven years Dr. Starr began attending the country school, four miles from home, walking most of the time to and fro. When he was about seventeen years old his parents moved to Darke county and for two years he attended school at Gettysburg. He then taught school seven years, thus earning and saving the money for his medical education, for he had that object in mind from early manhood. In 1895 he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, and was graduated in 1901 with honor in the class which was the first of the four-year medical course with the degree of M.D. During the last two years he spent there he was assistant clinical surgeon of St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, thus gaining valuable experience and training in surgery and fitting himself for independent practice of his profession. He has a natural gift and liking for his life work and has gained the confidence of those with whom he has been associated professionally. He stands well in his profession, is a member of the American Medical Association; was the fourth vice-president of the Ohio State Medical Association (1910-1911) and in 1913 was president of the Darke County Medical Society. He is a stockholder and Manager of the Pittsburgh Cement Post Company, and is examiner for the New York Life, Northwestern and many other insurance companies. Politically, he is a Republican and in relig-

ion a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. His wife is a member of the Sunday school, and is also superintendent of Junior Epworth League.

On June 25, 1899, Doctor Starr was united in marriage with Maude B. Thomas, daughter of Noah and Susan (Hooven) Thomas, of Horatio, Ohio, and two children have blessed their union: Suzanne, born June 25, 1902, and Robert J., born July 9, 1907, both students in the public schools of Pittsburg. Doctor Starr is prominent in Masonic circles and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He has served as vice-councilor and as councilor. The family's beautiful home on Jefferson street was built in 1905. It is 40x46, including two rooms for office. It is two stories, basement and all modern improvements.

THOMAS C. MILLER.

The records of Darke county show that never before have there been so many able members of the bar within its confines. With innumerable important matters before the people which involve serious problems of jurisprudence, it is exceedingly necessary for the lawyer of today to be able to cope with them and lend his aid in obtaining justice. Because of the necessary qualifications for success, the modern attorney is being asked to occupy positions of trust and responsibility and his advice and co-operation are wanted in the handling of civic matters. Thomas C. Miller of Greenville, Ohio, is a lawyer who rightly belongs to the class defined above, while as a man he has justified the confidence felt in him by those who know his capabilities and recognize his merit. Mr. Miller was born at West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, February 25, 1841, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Bowman) Miller, natives of Charleston, Va., and Ohio, respectively. Thomas C. Miller is the only child born of their marriage. Samuel Miller was reared in Virginia, but came to Ohio about 1835, and locating in Miami county, operated a mill on Stillwater near Milton for a number of years. His death occurred in that locality when he was sixty-seven years old. His wife passed away at Greenville, when about the same age. They were earnest members of the Methodist church and good, Christian people.

Thomas C. Miller grew up at West Milton, where he was

given but a limited education. From childhood, however, he was an omnivorous reader and by close personal application made himself a well-informed person long before he began the study of law, and this general information has proved of inestimable value to him in his practice. While still a lad he began trading horses and was thus engaged when the Civil war broke out. The patriotic young man did not hesitate but enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio volunteer infantry and served for two years as a private, participating in a number of important engagements, escaping without serious injury. Returning home, after the close of his period of service, Mr. Miller began studying law, and in 1874 was admitted to the bar, and immediately thereafter entered upon a general practice at Troy, Ohio, from whence he came to Greenville in 1892, and has since continued here, being associated with some of the most important jurisprudence of the county. Prior to his admission to the bar, he represented several of his friends in suits, winning the first two. His success attracted the attention of E. P. Kellogg, an attorney of Milton, who induced Mr. Miller to study under him, and encouraged him in every way. The success which Mr. Miller has experienced is all the more remarkable in that he is almost entirely self-taught, and indicates that he had much natural ability and a keen insight into human nature which have been valuable aids to him.

Thomas C. Miller was married to Miss Louisa M. Thompson, a daughter of Augustus and Sarah (Mote) Thompson, and they became the parents of three children: Perry E., who is a traveling salesman, married and has two children, Virginia and Louisa, and lives in Greenville township; William E., who operates a roofing and tinsmith business at Dayton, Ohio, married Emma Miller and Lemuel E., who is in a life insurance business at Dayton, Ohio, married and has a daughter, Dorothy. Mrs. Miller was born in Miami county, Ohio, but her father was a native of Maryland, who came to Miami county at an early day. Both he and his wife passed away in that county. For his second marriage he was united to Mrs. Anna D. Bear (nee Grindle), and by this union there are no children. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are consistent members of the United Brethren church. He is a Republican in political faith. For some years he has been serving as a pension attorney, and has rendered valuable assistance to his old comrades in securing their right from the government for past services. His

connections with Jobes Post, G. A. R., are very pleasant, and he enjoys attending encampments, for like other veterans, he does not forget the days when the Boys in Blue were the saviors of the nation.

EZRA BAKER.

Ezra Baker, general contractor and prominent citizen of Arcanum, is one of the most successful business men of the county. He has various business interests in the vicinity and is always ready to interest himself in any movement for the benefit of his community. He began life on his own account in a very modest way and through his sturdy industry and enterprise was able to get a good start in the business world. His good judgment and honesty in all his dealings have gone far to help him in his progress. He is broad-minded, liberal and progressive in his ideas and principles, and numbers his friends by the score. Mr. Baker was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, February 23, 1859, son of Samuel M. and Mary (Niswonger) Baker. The father, who carried on farming for some time in Montgomery county, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1829, and now resides with a daughter at Rossburg, Ohio. He brought his family to Darke county when the subject of this sketch was one year old, to a day, and became a general farmer and stock-raiser in Monroe township, two miles east of Arcanum, remaining there until he retired from active life. He was a Republican in political views. The mother, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1823 and died in March, 1909, being buried in a cemetery just east of Pitsburg. Of their nine children, six were born in Montgomery county and three in Darke county, and all of them survive. They are; Horlos, of Monroe township; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel J. Baker, of Van Buren township; Hamilton, of Monroe township; Franklin Pierce lives in Monroe township; Mary Katherine is the wife of Amzie Reicherd, of Monroe township; Ezra; Susanna, wife of Henry Lutz, of Michigan; Anna, wife of J. W. Ross, of Allen township, near Rossburg, Ohio; Alda, wife of Charles Lutz, of Tremont county, Ohio.

Mr. Baker received his education in the schools of Pitsburg

and remained at home on his father's farm until his marriage, on August 23, 1888, to Miss Ella Hershie, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1855. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kolp) Hershie, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hershie was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and died about 1904 and his wife died about 1908, both being buried in Miami county, where they had located on a farm. He was a successful farmer and was well regarded as an upright and useful citizen. They had eight children, of whom four now survive: Frances, wife of John Shank, of Philipsburg, Montgomery county; Emma, widow of E. W. Spitler, of West Milton, Ohio; Sarah, widow of John Eisenberger, living on a farm in Miami county; Mrs. Baker.

After marriage Mr. Baker located on a part of his father's farm, where he remained some years, and about twenty-three or twenty-four years ago began general contracting, which business he has since followed, developing an extensive business. He takes contracts for building and constructing sewers, roads, ditches, water works systems, street railway systems, and general work, and has had contracts for building railroad branches at various times. He built a graded road from Greenville to Winchester, Ind., which is a good example of his work. He carries on operations principally in Indiana and Ohio. In 1914 he erected a handsome garage on George street, Arcanum, and this is conducted by his son. He has a reputation for high grade of work he has done and thoroughness with which it is completed. He is always busy and displays a large amount of energy. He has reached a high degree of success through his ability and enterprise. He is popular because of his good nature and enjoys a good joke at all times. In political principle he is a Republican but in local affairs votes for the man he believes will best serve the interests of the people. He has never had time or inclination for political activity of office. His first presidential vote was for James A. Garfield in 1880. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Redmen. He got his start in business life by operating a threshing machine, which he owned and operated some four years immediately after his marriage.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, all born in Darke county: Henry, living on his father's home

farm, married Myrtle Miller and they have one son, Paul; Maude, born in 1891, is the wife of Earl Shidler, of Dayton, Ohio; Waldo, associated with his father in contracting business, a good citizen and excellent business man, married Miss Floy Ayresman, and they live in Arcanum; Cleo lives at home and conducts the garage for his father. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Christian Church. The family occupy their beautiful new modern home on George street.

TOBIAS ARNETT.

Tobias Arnett, now practically retired from active business life, is one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of Pittsburg. He and his wife have been a hardworking couple and have well earned the ease and comfort they now enjoy. They are simple and unpretentious, living a quiet life and helping various worthy movements for the betterment of general conditions in the community. They belong to old families of Darke county and enjoy the esteem of a large number of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Arnett was born on his grandfather's farm in Miami county, Ohio, January 27, 1845, and is a son of Abraham and Leah (Friend) Arnett. The father was born on the same farm October 18, 1825, and the mother was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 16, 1825. He died April 15, 1907, and is buried in Abbottsville cemetery, and Mrs. Arnett died April 16, 1895.

Abraham Arnett received his education in the country schools and after reaching maturity operated his father's farm for a number of years. In 1850 he brought his family through the woods to Darke county and settled first in Monroe township, clearing the land for his fields, and a few years later purchased a farm nearby which was in much the same condition but which he thought more desirable. He cleared this second farm and lived on it some eighteen years, when he purchased an adjoining farm and operated it six or eight years. This was then traded for a farm just east of Pittsburg. In 1885 Mr. Hansbarger, from whom Mr. Arnett purchased the last-named farm, bought a tract of land where the village of Pittsburg now stands, and began laying out a village; but the venture was unsuccessful, so he sold eight acres of this

land to Mr. Arnett and the latter built a house, which is still standing, and which is located east of the Hammel & Arnett elevator. Later he erected a handsome brick residence on South Jefferson street, opposite the home of his son Tobias. He and Mr. Hansbarger engaged in business together and for several years conducted a grain elevator in the village, which they then sold to a Mr. Smith, who carried it on for several years. Mr. Arnett was a republican in politics and served in such public offices as Road Supervisor and School Director. He and his wife were active members of the German Baptist church. They had three children, viz., Tobias; Margaret, who died at the age of six years; and Sarah Ann, who died at the age of five years, all born in Darke county.

In boyhood Tobias Arnett, the only child of his parents who reached maturity, attended the country schools near his father's farm, and remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he married and built a comfortable cottage on part of his father's farm. One year later he purchased seventy-three acres of land in Monroe township, which he sold after four years and bought a farm of one hundred seventy-three acres in the same township. This last-named place was the family home for ten years and he erected all the buildings upon it in a single year, which meant a great deal of hard work and there were twenty-one persons to sit in the dining room for meals for weeks at a time. They lived some six years in a log house, then put up a much better dwelling. The children having left home to make homes of their own, he built a nice home in Pittsburg, now occupied by the Metzger family, and in 1894 he erected the pretty home they now occupy on South Jefferson street. At his father's death he was heir to a share in the elevator business, the firm name being Arnett & Hammel, but it is now known as Hammel & Arnett. Mr. Arnett has now practically retired, leaving the active management of the business to his partner and employees. His partner is Edward Hammel, a sketch of whose life may be found on another page of this volume.

After residing about twelve years in his present home, Mr. Arnett and his wife went to live on a claim he had taken up near Norwich, North Dakota, consisting of a half section of land, which they still own. He also owns an improved farm of eighty acres in Monroe township and forty acres of land just west of the village of Pittsburg. He is a republican in

politics and his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He served one term as councilman of Pitsburg. He is a man of good principles and is upright in all his dealings, being rather quiet in manner and known for his inherent good nature, which endears him to all.

Mr. Arnett was married May 14, 1868, to Miss Margaret Arnold, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, March 4, 1849, and is a daughter of David and Hester (Alexander) Arnold. David Arnold was born August 18, 1814, and Hester Alexander was born August 1, 1826. He died in 1851, but she survives and resides in Armstrong, Iowa, with her third husband, Mr. Smith, whom she married some years after the death of Mr. Crawford. The latter she married several years after Mr. Arnold's death. Mr. Arnold is buried in Georgetown, Ohio. He was a miller and owned a saw-mill near Georgetown, also owned a farm. They had three daughters: Sarah, born September 14, 1847, widow of William Richardson, lives with her children; Mary, born December 15, 1844, died in infancy; Mrs. Arnett. By her second marriage to Mr. Crawford, she had two children, only one of whom now survives, Amanda, wife of Charles Churchill, of Armstrong, Iowa. Mr. Crawford died and some years later his widow married Robert Smith, by whom she had two children. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Arnold she was of the Dunkard faith, as was he, and his father, Christian Arnold, was a Dunkard preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnett have two children, both born in Darke county, Orla A. and Charles Albert. Orla was born July 26, 1868, lives near Battle Creek, Michigan, and married Rosa Minnich, by which union seven children were born, five in Darke county and two of them in North Dakota, namely: Edward O., of Battle Creek, Michigan, married and has one son, Charles O.; Ivy, wife of Russell Kenton, of Michigan, has one daughter, Thelma May; Frank, Myrtle, Elva, Ward and Chester, all at home. Charles Albert Arnett, who resides near his parents, married Miss Jennie Baker, and they have three daughters: Susie, wife of Raymond Bristley, of Monroe township; Harriet, deceased, buried in Pitsburg cemetery; Mary, at home.

Mrs. Arnett is known as an excellent housekeeper and possesses a cheerful disposition, which has helped her through the hard work and trials of her early life. She is a member of the Baptist church and well known in various circles as a woman of fine character and a cordial hostess.

LEVI MINNICH.

The Minnich family were among the earliest settlers in Franklin township and have always held a high place in public esteem. Levi Minnich was born on a farm adjoining the one he now occupies, in Section 13, March 19, 1862, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Swinger) Minnich, who came to Darke county in pioneer days. Abraham Minnich was born near Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1833, and died in Darke county June 16, 1914, and was buried in Newcomer Cemetery, having reached the age of eighty-one years and nineteen days. He was one of the best known and most highly regarded citizens of his part of the country, and his death was felt to be a great loss to the community. He was the seventh of the eight children of George and Nancy (Shoe-maker) Minnich, who came to Ohio March 30, 1834, bringing all their earthly belongings in a wagon drawn by two horses, crossing the Ohio river at Wheeling and cooking their meals on the way at the various taverns they passed. They were able to buy chickens at five cents each and eggs at two cents per dozen, and this formed a large part of their diet. They located about twelve miles east of Dayton, April 20th, using a sheep stable for temporary quarters; then moved on a farm where the city of Dayton is now located. Jacob Hale and wife had come the year before them, the latter being a sister of Mrs. George Minnich. The Minnichs lived on this location some two years, then located about twelve miles west of Dayton, and the years spent at the latter place furnished very pleasant memories for young Abraham Minnich. During 1838 and the early part of 1839 they lived on the Grubb farm near Covington and in the spring of the latter year moved to what is still known as the Hoover farm northwest of Covington. This was the family home some ten years, when they were able to save enough money to buy for themselves. The first year they gave one-third of their grain to the landlord as rent, he taking it in shocks in the field; during the next three years they were required to thresh the landlord's share, and the last year they had to give him two-fifths of the grain they raised. In 1842 they bought a farm of 126 acres in Franklin township, for \$500.00. Eighty acres of this was purchased by Abraham for \$10.00 per acre when he was 21 years old and is still known as the Abraham Minnich homestead, being located on the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, town 9,

range 3 east. The 46 acres on the opposite side of the road is known as the Spidel farm. They located on this farm in 1849. Mr. George Minnich erected a log house on the present building site of the Spidel farmhouse. There were seven acres cleared of the land and the farm was paid for. There were very few roads at that time, what is now the Greenville and Milton pike road being the nearest. He and his wife had eight children, all now deceased: John, Jacob, Katherine, George, Mary, David, Abraham; one died in infancy. The parents of these children were buried in Newcomer Cemetery.

The time George Minnich was permitted to live on a home of his own was very brief, as he was called to his long home the following year. All the children were married except Abraham.

To support a widowed mother, clear the heavy timber from the land and get an education at the tender age of 17 years is unthought of by young men of the present day of modern schools and well improved farms. Neighbors were few and far between. To transform this heavily timbered land into a tillable condition was the first task and a hard one.

Centuries had been required to grow some of this timber but there was no market for it. The only disposition could be made of it was to cut it down, work it into logs, then in heaps and then the burning. To roll the logs in heaps was the hardest task. Help was absolutely necessary. The only way to secure help was to help others for back help.

As many as seventeen days were spent some years helping others roll logs and some times several miles away in order to obtain the necessary help at home. Thus by constant persistent effort the amount of tillable land was increased a few acres each year.

Corn, wheat and rye were the grains raised. The latter two were threshed by tramping with the horses as there were no threshing machines to be had. The bundles of grain were placed in a circle on the ground having first been made level and clean or on a floor then tramped by horses to remove the grain from the straw.

This was done mostly in early winter and interfered somewhat in Abraham's getting the benefit of the full term of school, which was three months each year. The year he was 21 he was broken down in health because of overwork. An ailment of the heart set in. His physician said he could not

recover. After a year's rest he regained his health, which he retained until a few months before his death. He was a farmer all of his life and most industrious and successful. He took a most active interest in public affairs and was a Republican in politics, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, also voting for that grand man in 1864. He often served as road supervisor and in similar offices. He with his wife joined the Church of the Brethren November 11, 1860, and in 1881 he was elected deacon and creditably filled that office the remaining part of his life. Mr. Minnich was never content to be idle, being happiest when he was working hard or when he was helping someone less fortunate than himself. He was the last member of his generation of the family to pass away, and besides rearing their own children he and his wife took two foster children into their hearts and home, Nancy Stauffer, deceased, who married David Kreider, and Joshua Hyer, also deceased. Mr. Minnich was very fond of his home, and in the same way loved his church, his township and county in a manner that meant he would do his entire duty for each and every one of these ties. He and his wife worked very hard in their early married life, but lived to have the satisfaction of seeing their children well settled and in their last years together enjoy every comfort, in addition to having the pleasure of seeing the help they could give to others. When Mr. Minnich died the funeral was a testimonial to the great affection and regard in which he was held by one and all, for he had sympathized with the trials and troubles, as well as the joys, of his friends and neighbors. He was an upright and useful citizen and the friend of any movement for progress.

The wife of Abraham Minnich, Elizabeth Swinger, was born on the old Swinger homestead northwest of Painter Creek, July 1, 1838, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria (Stager) Swinger. Her father was born in Wurtenberg, Germany, March 1, 1805, one of the four children of George and Rosanna (Stout) Swinger, who came in a sailing vessel to Philadelphia in 1814, their son Jacob then being about nine years of age. While they were on board the ship they encountered a terrific storm, which carried away the sailing gear and caused great consternation among the passengers, but they finally won through and landed safely. In 1836 Jacob Swinger purchased some land in Ohio, where it was much cheaper than in Pennsylvania, and brought his household goods in a wagon the distance of about five hundred miles, which they traveled in six weeks.

He first bought a farm of forty acres a half mile northwest of where the village of Painter Creek now stands. One acre of this was cleared and there was an old log house on it. The cleared land was sown in wheat, but there were such wild animals as deer, wolves, foxes, catamounts and the like all around in the surrounding woods and also wild turkeys in great numbers. Jacob Swinger and wife had to endure many privations, as did other pioneers, and they worked very hard for many years. He became an extensive landowner, finally becoming possessed of over a section, part of which he exchanged for a flour mill. He and his wife united with the Church of the Brethren in 1850, remaining in that faith until death. Heretofore she had held to the Presbyterian Church and he to the Lutheran. She was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1893. On December 19, 1894, the descendants of Jacob Swinger and wife, Anna Maria Swinger, held a family reunion, at which five generations were present, and as guests Rev. Tobias Kreider and Rev. Jesse Stutsman were present. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Swinger were: John, Sarah, Susanna, Jacob, Elizabeth, Catharine, Rebecca, David and Samuel, the latter two being twins.

Mrs. Abraham Minnich lives on the home place, where she and her husband had lived continuously for more than 56 years, never having lived elsewhere. They had five children, Louisa, wife of Joseph Hollinger, died on the farm on which her brother, Levi, now resides; Levi; Rebecca, widow of Moses Royer; Martha, at home with her mother; Anna Maria died in infancy. Mrs. Royer was left a widow, with five children, from three to eighteen years of age, her husband passing away in December, 1910. With the aid of her children, she courageously continued to live on and operate the farm, which is near the old home place of her parents. They have been very successful in this and are prospering very well. Her children are: Forest M., Galen B., Virgil Abraham, Wilbur R. and John Harold. The two older sons taught school one term in the adjoining township, but as Forest was needed on the home farm, he returned and Galen went to North Manchester to attend college and fit himself for a profession.

In boyhood Levi Minnich attended the country schools and attended one term at the college at Ada, Ohio. He has continued his education since on his own account, by traveling and by private study. He has attended many teacher's institutes

and has always taken great interest in educational matters. At the age of twenty years he began teaching, and for nine years taught in three districts in Franklin township. He was then requested to apply for a position of superintendent in Gettysburg and taught there one year, after spending one year with his family in California. During the interims he carried on farming as much as was possible, for he was very fond of agricultural pursuits.

May 24, 1888, Mr. Minnich married Miss Laura E. Netzley, of Naperville, Illinois, born near there July 28, 1867, daughter of Henry and Katherine (Brossman) Netzley, natives of Pennsylvania. The mother was a daughter of Jacob Brossman, born in Germany March 16, 1805, and his wife, Leah Brossman, born November 17, 1806. Henry Netzley was born September 21, 1832, and his wife October 14, 1836. He died about 1912 and is buried in California and was a farmer by occupation. His widow resides at Glendora, California. They had nine children: Rufus, of Naperville, Ill.; Mary, wife of L. S. Fey, of Chicago; Ira, of Glendora, California; Lillie, wife of Chas. Richardson, of Glendora, California; Mrs. Minnich and others, who are now deceased. Mrs. Minnich died December 18, 1909, leaving three children, and is buried in Newcomer cemetery. The children are: Beulah Naomi, born March 25, 1889, wife of T. S. Eikenberry, of Franklin township, has a son one and one-half years old, Ivan Leon; H. Spencer, born July 4, 1893, at college in Manchester, Indiana; Ruth Evelena, born September 28, 1897, at home. All graduated from the township high school. Mrs. Minnich and her parents were members of the Brethren Church.

On August 21, 1912, Mr. Minnich was married (second) to Miss Susie Forney, born in Noble county, Illinois, September 20, 1870, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth (Hershey) Forney. Mr. Forney was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1838, and he and his wife live at Lordsburg, California. His wife was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, November 21, 1840. They had nine children, of whom three died in infancy and six survive: David H., of Raisin, California; Daniel L., of Reedley, California; Susie, Mrs. Minnich; Isaac M., of Waterloo, Iowa; Ella, wife of L. J. Lehman, of Reedley, California; Edmund J., of Elgin, Illinois. Mrs. Minnich has been active in church and missionary work for many years and her work is much commended by all. She graduated in a Bible course at Mount Morris, Illinois, during 1892-93, and spent

five years at missionary work in Chicago for the Church of the Brethren, also took a two-year course at Bethany Bible School. She was in this line of study and work some fifteen years before her marriage, much of which time was spent in Chicago. She was also at Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, and while at the latter place was president of the Elementary Teachers' Union of Sunday Schools of the city. Her father was an elder in the church and she early developed a love for the work. She is earnest and sincere in her efforts for the church and has made many addresses along these lines. She has made a special study of conditions and practical ideas for missionary workers and is well able to express her own beliefs on the subject. She is womanly and sympathetic in her methods and has the confidence and affection of the nice class she has in the Sunday school, and the esteem and appreciation of the members of the church. She is bright and quick in her grasp of the work and very enthusiastic at all times. She is naturally domestic and neat in her tastes and she and her husband have a very pleasant home. He is much interested in church and Sunday school work himself and in everything pertaining to education.

At the present time he is serving as superintendent of the Painter Creek Sunday school of his home congregation the nineteenth successive year. He served several years as district Sunday school secretary of Southern Ohio. In 1901 he was appointed a member of the Sunday school advisory committee of the Church of the Brethren, which position he held eight of the following ten years. In 1911 the work of a Sunday school advisory committee was discontinued and a general Sunday school board of five members and increased duties and authority provided in its stead. Mr. Minnich was appointed a member of this board and in 1914 at the Seattle, Washington conference he was reappointed for five years. Both he and Mrs. Minnich served as delegates to the Fourteenth International Sunday School Convention in Chicago in 1914.

He has devoted much of his time to Sunday school work and it affords him a great pleasure to witness the increased interest and the continual growth of Sunday school movement not only of his own denomination but others as well. He is also a member of the district temperance committee of Southern Ohio. In 1908 and again in 1911 he served as a member of the executive committee of the Darke County Local Option

Election. He says the saloon is the greatest enemy of the Christian Church and the greatest hindrance to the development of the human race. He hopes to see the day when we will have a saloonless nation.

Mr. Minnich has 147 acres of choice land in Darke county and some property in Canada. He and his children also have a fine orange grove in California. In his travels Mr. Minnich has crossed the continent eight times and made numerous trips to Western Canada as well as crossing our southern border a few times. He loves country life and still lives on the farm bought of his father in 1888 for \$5,000.00 and where he has lived since 1889, making a number of improvements in the way of new buildings and remodeling the residence. He is an able and successful farmer and has been president of numerous farmers' institutes. He follows modern methods in his work, being progressive in all his ideas. He is very fond of reading and keeps up with the events and issues of the times, in farming as in other lines. He is an excellent citizen and has a large number of sincere friends. He is a Republican in politics and cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884. He served five years as a school director in Franklin township and was elected a member of the first board of education of Franklin township under revised school law of 1904. He was one of the prime agitators of the idea of a township high school and it was largely through his efforts and work in espousing the cause that a building for this purpose was erected in 1907 and necessary provisions made for the establishing of what has become a fine school, in Franklin township. There was no high school which was easy of access for the children of the township before that time. He was the one who made the motion and followed the question until he gained his point. He has always been successful in his undertakings and appreciates the good things that have come to his lot, wishing to help make others happy and contented around him. Many who have grown to maturity remember with pleasure the early knowledge and enthusiasm for the benefit of a good education instilled into their minds in childhood by Mr. Minnich, who always wished his pupils to look forward to the future and the development they might attain in all good things.



